

Accelerated Reader Program

What is the Accelerated Reader Program?

The Accelerated Reader Program is a computerized reading enrichment program that combines great children's literature with computer skills. Students will read a book and then take a computer quiz that is given in a multiple choice format. As an individualized reading program, it is designed to motivate students to read more.

How does a student get started?

A student's target reading level is usually determined by grade level. For example, a student in 3rd grade would have a typical reading range between 3.0 and 3.9. However, students read at different levels and the reading or book range can be adjusted.

What grades take AR quizzes?

Students in grades 2nd through 8th are encouraged to take AR quizzes. It is important that a student can independently read the book and operate the AR computer program to answer a series of multiple choice questions.

How does a student select an AR book?

The goal is to motivate students to read more and to enrich their reading experiences. Along with the reading level is a point value. The point value is usually determined by the length of the book, while the reading level is associated with the vocabulary. There are books that are 4.0 reading level worth 1 point and some that are the same reading level worth 9 points. It is a combination that the AR organization establishes.

How many questions are on an AR quiz?

The number of questions will be influenced by the difficulty of the book level. Normally quizzes will have 5, 10 or 20 questions.

What is considered a good AR score?

The objective is to score at 80% or above on the AR quizzes. Scoring lower may indicate that the material is too difficult, and the student should select a book at the lower end of their reading level. A student that scores at 95% or above at the upper end of their reading level, may need to adjust their reading range higher.

When can students take AR quizzes?

Students may take the AR quizzes during their weekly library class or homeroom classrooms in 2nd-5th grades. Middle School students may come to the library in the mornings once the

school is officially open before the tardy bell and lunch recess all days except Friday's. Also, Book Fair Week the library is closed for book checkout and AR quizzes.

What are the AR requirements?

The AR program requirements are set up independently by each teacher.

How does the library facilitate the AR program?

There are laptops and chromebooks that give students access to the software program. Renaissance Learning hosts the All Saints site and determines book titles, book levels and number of points for quizzes. Also, the Gold Medal Reader program is an **optional** reading incentive that tracks students AR points.

Does every book have an AR quiz?

No, not every book title has an AR quiz, but there are over a hundred thousand AR quizzes. Most popular titles have an AR Quiz. Parents can search for AR Book titles through the Home Connect link on the All Saints web site homepage then click on AR Book Finder . If you did not sign up for Home Connect a parent can email the library to receive a letter with the information to complete the process.

If a student fails an AR quiz, can the test be taken again?

No, once a student takes an AR quiz he/she can never re-take the quiz regardless if they passed or failed the quiz. The AR program tracks the students history of quizzes taken and the data is stored.

Points required to be a Gold Medal Reader:

2nd grade-10 points

3rd grade- 15 points

4th grade- 20 points

5th grade- 30 points