

# Accelerated Reader Program



Our focus for this program is for our students to improve in reading and hopefully “plant the seed” for our students to become lifelong readers. The purpose of the Accelerated Reader Program is to encourage children to practice reading. As with any activity, practice is needed for improvement. The program is to be used as a supplement to the teacher’s classroom reading program. Upon request through the program, you can be notified of the books your child(ren) have read, number of points earned and the percentage of comprehension questions answered correctly. There are three basic steps the child needs to do for successful participation in the Accelerated Reader program.

1. **The child chooses a book to read that is part of the Accelerated Reader program and is in the child’s independent reading level.** To help determine a child’s independent reading level the Accelerated Reader program comes with a computerized reading test known as the STAR Test. Using the results of the test, the teacher then determines the independent reading level and informs the child of his/her book level. The child chooses an appropriate book and reads it. Although an abundance of wonderful children’s literature is available, not all books are part of the Accelerated Reader Program.
2. **The child reads the book for comprehension (understanding of the story).** It is recommended for lower reading level books that the child independently reads the story at least two times, prior to taking a quiz. Asking your child questions is one of the best forms of increasing reading comprehension. Questions like . . . What is the story about? What is the setting? What is your favorite part of the story and why? Who is the main character? Are the characters real or make-believe? How do you know? To aid in comprehension, the child needs to discuss the story either mentally or verbally. Knowing the name of the author is also important.
3. **At school, the child takes a computerized quiz about the book. For shorter books with 10 questions or fewer, the passing percentage is 60%, and 70% for higher level books with 20 questions (only partial points are awarded for passing a quiz at less than 100%).** Each Accelerated Reader quiz generates multiple choice questions randomly chosen from a pool of at least 30 questions. Two students sitting side by side taking a quiz on the very same book, would take completely different quizzes. Students are told at the end of the quiz if they passed. Quizzes can only be taken at school. Each book is worth a certain amount of points. Once the quiz is complete, students can check their progress to see how many points they have.

### **Accelerated Reader Award Levels:**

1st Grade - Bronze= 5, Silver= 10, Gold= 15, Platinum= 30  
2nd Grade - Bronze= 10, Silver= 20, Gold= 30, Platinum= 50  
3rd Grade - Bronze= 15, Silver= 35, Gold= 55, Platinum= 75  
4th Grade - Bronze= 20, Silver= 45, Gold= 70, Platinum= 90  
5th Grade - Bronze= 25, Silver= 50, Gold= 75, Platinum= 100  
6th Grade - Bronze= 30, Silver= 60, Gold= 90, Platinum= 120

Accelerated Reader points are cumulative from month to month and trimester to trimester for determination of incentives and levels.

### **PGES Cumulative Point Awards**

<b>Level 1:</b> 50 points - lanyard + brag tag	<b>Level 2:</b> 75 points - brag tag
<b>Level 3:</b> 100 points - brag tag	<b>Level 4:</b> 150 points - brag tag
<b>Level 5:</b> 200 points - brag tag	<b>Level 6:</b> 250 points - brag tag
<b>Level 7:</b> 300 points - brag tag	<b>Level 8:</b> 400 points - brag tag
<b>Level 9:</b> 500 points - brag tag	<b>Level 10:</b> 750 points - brag tag
<b>Level 11:</b> 1,000 points - brag tag + office plaque	<b>Level 12:</b> 1,250 points - brag tag
<b>Level 13:</b> 1,500 points - brag tag	<b>Level 14:</b> 1,750 points - brag tag
<b>Level 15:</b> 2,000 points - brag tag + office plaque	<b>Level 16:</b> 2,500 points - brag tag
<b>Level 17:</b> 3,000 points - brag tag + office plaque	

### **Maximum Tests per Day:**

- 1st - 3rd grade - A maximum of three (3) tests may be taken each school day.
- 4th - 6th grades - A maximum of five (5) tests may be taken each week.

**Cheating:** If a student is caught giving their AR code to another student, has another student take an AR quiz for them, takes a quiz on a book he/she did not read, takes an AR quiz for another student, gets answers/help from another student or parent, or any other form of cheating the following consequences will be enforced.

- Student will lose all points acquired for that trimester.
- Student may lose the opportunity to attend the end of year AR Gold & Platinum Celebration.

### Reading Aloud Point Criteria:

- 1st - 3rd grade - Only 10 points, per year, may be used towards receiving AR points from the books the teacher has read to the class.
- 4th - 6th grades - One book/test per trimester may be used towards receiving AR points from the books the teacher has read to the class.

### Incentives:

Students earning **Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum** will be recognized in the classroom and monthly at the Student of the Month assembly.

Students earning **GOLD**: AR t-shirt may be purchased (1st student in each class to attain Gold gets a free shirt). Invitation to end of year AR Gold & Platinum Celebration.

Students earning **PLATINUM**: In addition to earning the GOLD level items, students reaching PLATINUM level will be admitted early to the AR Celebration and moved to the front of the lines for the AR Celebration.

### Monthly Drawing:

Every month, students earning enough points for entry into the monthly drawing are given a ticket for the drawing. Students may receive only one ticket per monthly drawing for which they are eligible, no matter how many points they earned that month.

1st -3rd Grade - 5 points

4th – 6th Grade - 10 points

### Monthly Drawing Procedure:

Points earned through the last day of the month will count toward the monthly drawing. At the end of each month, teachers will be provided with a list of all students who have qualified for the monthly drawing (along with tickets to give to students). On the first Friday after month's end, students will be called up during morning announcements to deposit their ticket in the monthly drawing box. Drawings occur during the Student of the Month assemblies. In the past, monthly drawing winners have received gift certificates to Target or a similar business.

**We would like to thank our PTA for making this program possible at our school!**