



### Accelerated Reader Explained

The Accelerated Reader (AR) program provides reliable feedback on comprehension of books that students have read and is designed to motivate students to read. Classroom and media center computers are used to take comprehensive tests on books the students have read. The computer scores each test and keeps track of points earned and percentage of questions answered correctly. Each grade level has goals the students should earn. The passing percentage for AR test is 70%.

### AR Books

Books are labeled in our library by both AR points and reading level. Nonfiction and easy read books are 0.5 to 1 point; chapter books are 1.0 – 2.0 pts; and longer more difficult novels are 2 points or more. Parents and students may also go to the public library to take out books. A list of all AR book titles that students can take test on is posted on our school website by reading level, title, and author. The list can also be accessed by a public librarian.

### AR in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Classroom

- ❖ There are three important aspects of Accelerated Reader. These include book levels (reading, or grade level equivalent), percent correct (average score on all tests taken for the grading period), and percent of goal (percent of each student's individual AR point goal for the grading period).
- ❖ Each student, with the help of parents and myself, set an individual point goal for the grading period. Each child set any goal he/she wanted during the first grading period. The minimum point goal for the first grading period is 8 points, 13 points for the second grading period, 18 points for the third grading period, and 13 points for the last grading period..
- ❖ All students are expected to maintain at least 70% correct on all tests. It takes an average of 80% on all tests in order to earn the reward party provided by Mr. Rowan at the end of the grading period. **The final average percentage will also be used as a quiz grade for the grading period.** Individual student reports on current AR progress will be sent home every 2 weeks with students in their Friday folders.
- ❖ So that students may have more freedom in what to read, and to encourage a love for reading, fifth-graders are allowed to read books from level 3.0 and up. Any test taken on a book with a reading level lower than 3.0 will be deleted before any incentives are awarded. Students are encouraged to read at level 5.0 and above.

### AR Incentives

Students are given a variety of reading incentives!

- ❖ Ice Cream Sundae Party! At the end of each grading period, students who received an average percentage of 80% are allowed to "spend" their points on ice cream and toppings! The prices are as follows: spoon, 3 points; bowl, 3 points; ice cream scoop, 3 points each; toppings, 3 points each. Students earning at least 9 points in a grading period can earn ice cream. The more points earned....the more ice cream and toppings! Oh...and YES, you HAVE to buy a spoon and bowl before you can buy ice cream. :-)
- ❖ Pizza Hut Book It Certificates! Students earn coupons for free pizza for earning 5 points in a calendar month. This is in addition to the ice cream sundae reward. All students earning 5 points in a calendar month get a FREE PIZZA from Pizza Hut!! What a yummy reason to read!
- ❖ The top 2 AR point earners at the end of the year will earn lunch from a restaurant of their choice (within reason) to be eaten at school during lunch time.