

ACCELERATED READING PROGRAM

Process:

- Your child will check out an Accelerated Reading book from the library (marked with a green dot on the spine).
- During the week, your child should read his/her book a minimum of three times. He/She should read the book aloud to an adult at home at least once before testing.
- When your child is ready to test, he/she will return the library book to school to test that day.
- A.R. tests will be taken in the classroom.
- A summary of the test results will be sent home the same day your child tests.
- A new library book will be checked out.
- Each book your child reads will have an assigned point value, and your child will continue testing throughout the grading period, working toward our reading goal of 2 A.R. points.
- Beginning in the second quarter, your child's A.R. score will be calculated as part of his/her reading grade on the report card.
- In the fourth quarter, our reading goal will increase to 2.5 A.R. points.

How Parents Help:

- Watch for your child's library book to come home.
- Communicate with your child about the types of books he/she is checking out.
- Listen to your child reading aloud and follow-up with questions about the book's story.
- Sign the signature slip when your child is ready to test.
- Read over the test summaries that come home and keep track of your child's progress.
- Ask questions anytime.

First Grade Guidelines:

- Tests taken during the 1st quarter will be practice tests and will not be part of the students' grade.
- After the 1st quarter, tests taken will be counted in the students' Reading grade.