

AR NEWS

The purpose of AR (Accelerated Reader) and how it is used at Livingston Elementary.

WHAT IS ACCELERATED READER?

Accelerated Reader is a reading program designed to promote successful reading. It helps students and teachers track reading comprehension by providing the tools to measure improvement. AR places the focus on the careful reading of books, which in turn promotes critical thinking.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

After students read a book, they log onto a computer and take the AR Reading Practice quiz for the book they just completed. They earn points based on their success on each quiz. The questions are designed to show how well the student understands the material. It's one thing to read a book, it's another thing to comprehend it in a meaningful way.

HOW ARE STUDENTS REWARDED FOR THEIR EFFORTS?

Livingston Elementary provides incentives for AR points earned a couple different ways. We have awards assemblies each trimester in which kids earn medals for their accumulated points.

- ❑ First trimester K-5 students who have read 100 points or more, earn a Bronze Medal.
- ❑ Second trimester students who have now achieved the Bronze (100 points) and Silver (200 points) are honored.
- ❑ Third trimester students earning Bronze, Silver, and Gold (300 points) are awarded medals.
- ❑ At the end of the year we also give medals for students who earn Junior Classic and Classic Reader honors, as well as the top three high point AR earners. (Please visit with your classroom teacher for more information regarding Junior Classic and Classic Readers).
- ❑ Additionally, we have a separate category for Kindergarten and First Grade readers. Those students receive an honorary award for earning 50 points.

Students can also earn activities based on their nine week individual AR goals set in conferences between the students and their teacher each trimester. The first nine weeks started September 13 through November 8. If you're interested in what your child's goal is, visit with them, their teacher, or Ms. Morrow. If students didn't earn enough points to participate this trimester, they still have two more chances to read and join in the fun!

HOW CAN I FIND OUT HOW MANY POINTS MY CHILD HAS ACCUMULATED?

You can ask the classroom teacher how many points your student has earned. You can also email Ms. Morrow at amorrow@park6.org and she will send you that information. Most likely, your child will know how many points they have already earned.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Assist your child with his/her daily reading assignment. Help them make book choices appropriate to their reading level. Encourage their efforts and ask them about the stories they're reading. Many teachers welcome parents to come supervise children taking AR quizzes in the classroom. Check with your child's teacher and see if they need some help.