



Dear Parents and Students:



It's time to get cracking on Accelerated Reader!

What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

- It is the world's most popular reading management software.
- It provides educators with an easy and effective way to monitor all forms of guided reading practice.
- Online we get even more detailed, objective data to target and ensure success for every student, regardless of level, from emergent reader to college prep!

AR has three easy steps help you continuously guide students to appropriate books within their zone of proximal development (ZPD). At the same time, it helps us personalize reading instruction and intervene with students who need extra help.

1. **Student Reads a Book:** The student reads a library book. All types of student reading are monitored, including guided, paired, literature-based, and textbook reading.
2. **Student Takes a Quiz:** AR offers more than 75,000 quizzes on library books and popular reading textbook series. The quizzes provide assessment information to help motivate reading, monitor progress, and target instruction to accelerate reading growth.
3. **We Get Information:** We get easy-to-read reports on the reading level and comprehension skills of each student to guide instruction and help the student select more reading materials.

Accelerated Reader has been proven to boost student achievement.

- At Portola Middle School in Orange, California, 6th-8th grade students were reading three to four grade levels below their peers. In less than a year after first implementing Accelerated Reader software and Renaissance techniques, numerous students' reading grade levels increased two to three years, while the majority experienced more than a year's growth.
- In addition, library circulation increased from 600-700 per month to approximately 4,000 books per month.
- In a randomized experimental study involving 3rd and 5th grade classrooms in a Title I, urban, ethnically diverse school, those using AR significantly outperformed students not using the program in the American Guidance Service Grade Reading Test in reading comprehension. These gains were especially pronounced for students with low reading ability.

Now here is the deal, to motivate ACES Students ...

- **Each student at ACES who passes at least 6 AR quizzes per nine weeks will receive a prize and a certificate.**
- **At the end of the year, those students who have passed 6 quizzes for each of the four nine-week grading periods will be invited to our special lunch.**
- **The Miami Heat Xtreme Team and Burnie will join other guests as our entertainment for the afternoon.**

Parents, we need your help. We need donations and volunteers for this event.

Please contact Miss Perry for information at aperry@aventuracharter.org.

Thank you very much and remember, "***Reading Improves Reading!***"

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