

Stonewall Elementary School
Consistently going from good to GREAT!

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader, or AR, is a reading enrichment program. Basically, students check out designated **AR** books from the Stonewall library or at the public library. After they have read the book, they take a computerized test over the book. **AR** books at the Stonewall library have a RED dot on the spine of the book. To determine if books at the public library are **AR** books, our librarian has given the Beaumont Branch a list of books that students can use to meet the requirements of Stonewall's **AR** program. In addition, classroom teachers have **AR** books in their classroom libraries. There is also a list of **AR** books on the Stonewall website.

To assist students and parents, we have outlined how **Accelerated Reader** will be implemented at every grade in every classroom.

Kindergarten teachers will use the **AR** program for enrichment with students on an as-needed basis. There will be no required **AR** points for kindergarten students.

First Grade teachers will use the **AR** program for enrichment with students on an as-needed basis for the first two grading periods. During the third and fourth grading periods, students will need to earn *at least* **one** point per grading period. Students will not receive any type of grade for **AR** in first grade.

Second Grade students will need to earn *at least* **two** points every grading period. Students will receive an **AR** grade each grading period that will be figured into their overall reading grade.

Third Grade students will need to earn *at least* **three** points every grading period. Students will receive an **AR** grade each grading period that will be figured into their overall reading grade.

Fourth Grade students will need to earn *at least* **four** points during the first grading period. After that, students and parents will set **AR** point goals for the remaining grading periods. Students will receive an **AR** grade each grading period that will be figured into their overall reading grade. A *minimum* of **four** points per grading period is required.

Fifth Grade students will need to earn *at least* **five** points during the first grading period. After that, students and parents will set **AR** point goals for the remaining grading period. Students will receive an **AR** grade each grading period that will be figured into their overall reading grade. A *minimum* of **five** points per grading period is required.

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In order for the **Accelerated Reader** program to be most effective and be an enrichment for your child, he/she should be choosing books that are close to his/her *reading level* or *grade level*. For example, a student in the seventh month of fourth grade is typically reading books around the 4.7 level. The level of the book and how many points it is worth are inside the front cover, which has been determined by the creators of **AR**, not Stonewall. Your child's teacher will provide you with his/her reading level based on diagnostic reading tests.

After reading an **AR** book, students need to take a test in the classroom on the computer or at designated computers in the Media Center. The number of points earned is based on how many questions are answered correctly. If too many questions are answered incorrectly, no points will be awarded for the book read. Also, once a student has taken a test over an **AR** book, he/she cannot retake it; therefore, it is important for students to choose books on the correct level so there is complete understanding.

We ask that you, with our assistance, take an active roll in helping your child make this reading enrichment program something that is fun and pushes your child to higher levels in reading at the same time. If you need assistance with **AR**, please do not hesitate to speak with our librarian or your child's teacher.

Seen below is an example of a goal sheet that **fourth** and **fifth** students will be using during the second, third, and fourth grading periods.

ACCELERATED READING RECORD				
STUDENT NAME:				
	1ST 9 WEEKS	2ND 9 WEEKS	3RD 9 WEEKS	4TH 9 WEEKS
AR GOAL	4TH GRADE: 4 5TH GRADE: 5			
EARNED POINTS				
AR %				
SETTING A GOAL FOR THE NEXT GRADING PERIOD				
CIRCLE ONE:	2ND 9 WEEKS	3RD 9 WEEKS	4TH 9 WEEKS	
STUDENT GOAL _____	STUDENT SIGNATURE _____			
STUDENT & PARENT GOAL _____	PARENT SIGNATURE _____			