

Accelerated Reader Is A Fundamental Part of the Language Arts Curriculum

Accelerated Reader (AR) accounts for twenty percent of your child's Language Arts grade. Teachers administer the program and make instructional decisions about how AR is implemented. The CCA Librarian provides technical support, reading materials, book recommendations, and reading strategies to help students meet AR goals.

What is AR?

AR allows student to independently read books within the proper skill level. It also provides instant feedback to students and teachers for reading intervention and instruction that can be customized to individual student needs.

How does AR work?

Students' reading skills are assessed quarterly with the STAR reading test and a reading range (ZPD) is determined. A student's range, for example, may be 1.5 to 3.7. This means that this child may read books with difficulty levels equivalent to first grade, fifth month norms through third grade, seventh month norms.

A point goal is assigned using this reading range. Teachers, based on knowledge of student classroom performance, may adjust goals and reading ranges. Students check out books within their reading range, read them and take a quiz. Points are awarded based on the number of correct answers.

What does AR look like in the CCA library?

Reading levels are identified on each AR library book using color-coded dots. The dots indicate difficulty level and the maximum number of points that can be earned by taking a comprehension quiz after reading an AR book.

For example, all labels that are appropriate for first grade reading levels are color-coded dark green. A green label with a 1.8/2 tells the student that the book has a difficulty level equivalent to the first grade, eighth month norm and is worth a maximum of 2 AR quiz points. Students can therefore easily identify books within their reading range, check them out and work toward point goals.

How do I track my student's AR points?

Renaissance Home Connect allows parents to monitor their student's AR progress from home.

How to Get Home Connect: Your child will bring home a Home Connect instruction letter every quarter. Use the information in that letter to log on or [click here](#) to access the Renaissance Home Connect website. [Click here](#) for a list of compatible browsers.

Your child can provide their username and password. It is the same one they use everyday at school. If you would like to receive emails showing your student's quiz results, click the Email Setup link in Renaissance Home Connect and follow the

directions. To be sure these emails reach your inbox, add homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com to your address book.

How can I tell if a book is in the AR program?

You can also see if a book is in the AR program, choose books at the appropriate reading level, find quiz numbers and point values by visiting arbookfind.com.

What is the 100 Point Club?

CCA celebrates reading with the 100 Point Club. Every year students who meet the requirements listed below become members of the CCA 100 Point Club. It is a pleasure to award these students with a medal at the end of every year commemorating their dedication and success.

Yearly Point Requirements by Grade

Kindergarten - 45 AR points

First Grade - 65 AR points

Second through Sixth - 100 AR points

Seventh and Eighth Grades - 125 AR points

Points must be earned by Friday, May 6th so that the custom medals can be ordered and delivered to students by the end of the school year. New Requirement: All students must have a cumulative quiz average of 85% or better in order to receive a medal.