

## Woodbury Elementary's Accelerated Reader Program

### Grades 1-6

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading program that helps monitor and manage your child's independent reading both at school and home. After your child finishes a book that is labeled as an AR book (or is listed as one on the book finder website, [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)), he/she will then take a comprehension quiz at school (there are over 150,000 books with quizzes in the AR system, both fiction and non-fiction), to show what they know.

### How It Works:

1. All students, Grades 1-6, have taken the STAR Reading assessment online to determine his/her ZPD range. When selecting books to read and quiz on, students are encouraged to read books that fall within their range. Your child's teacher will communicate your child's ZPD range and levels, either with your child or you. Ask your child's teacher if you have questions about their reading level.
2. Students will be given the opportunity to take an AR quiz at school during their normal computer lab time and/or their free time (if they finish classwork early).
3. Tests can only be taken at school, during school hours. A student **will not be able to take a test from home**, as you will not be able to log in. This is to help ensure that students are taking the test/quiz themselves, without any help and without the book in front of them.
4. Your child will not be able to bring the book with them, when taking a quiz. If the student is reading a book within their level, they should be able to answer the comprehension questions on the test/quiz. We are not allowing students to have the book with them, in order to avoid students looking up the answers for each question, without having read the book.
5. Accelerated Reader testing should be administered like any other test. There should be no talking, no other students should be standing over the testing student's shoulder, nor should any other student be looking at the testing student's computer screen. Should talking occur between students in the classroom, pod, or in the library, the testing student will be given a 0% on the specific test he/she is taking.
6. If a student is reading a book that is not leveled with a color dot from our school library, then that means the book does not have an AR quiz. Therefore, the child will not earn any points for reading that book, since there is no quiz for that book. But of course, you should still read it! ☺
7. Your child can find out if a book that they are reading (home library book, public library, etc.) is an AR book, by logging onto [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) and searching for their book. If the book is not in the AR system, then it does not have a quiz (see #4 above).

8. Ms. Mirallegro will be checking the points accumulated for each student in each class, before they have their scheduled library time. If a student has accumulated enough points, a prize will be awarded (see prizes below).

### **Accelerated Reader Grade Level Prizes**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd Grade**

- 5 points - Pencil
- 20 points - Shopping at the Library
- 40 points - Front of the Line Pass
- 60 points - Shopping at the Library
- 80 points - Homework Pass (can't be used on spelling tests, sight words/high frequency words, or math facts)
- 100 points - Free Book of Choice
- 120 points - Shopping at the Library
- 160 points - End of the Year Party

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th Grade**

- 10 points - Pencil
- 40 points - Shopping at the Library
- 60 points - Front of the Line Pass
- 80 points - Shopping at the Library
- 100 points - Homework Pass (can be used on one assignment only, not an entire night's homework; cannot be used on long-term projects)
- 120 points - Free Book of Choice
- 140 points - Shopping at the Library
- 180 points - End of the Year Party

#### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6th Grade**

- 15 points - Pencil
- 60 points - Shopping at the Library
- 80 points - Front of the Line Pass
- 100 points - Shopping at the Library
- 120 points - Homework Pass (can be used on one assignment only, not an entire night's homework; cannot be used on long-term projects)
- 140 points - Free Book of Choice
- 160 points - Shopping at the Library
- 200 points - End of the Year Party