



## ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM 2022-2023

Welcome to the Accelerated Reader Program. **A.R.** is a computerized reading management program. At All Saints', we begin the program in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and continue through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Each student chooses a book from the AR list of books, reads it at his/her own pace, and then completes a quiz on the book. Points are awarded based on the number of questions answered correctly. The points accumulate to reach milestones and awards. More information about the points system and prizes will be provided in an additional document.

We understand that in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, the students are learning to read. During grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, students are reading to learn. We also recognize that each student is reading at a different level. This year, teachers will be working with students to create *individual* goals. Prior to Labor Day, students will take the Star Reading Assessment, which will identify their reading level. The teachers will then work with students to set individual AR goals and will communicate those goals to the parents.

Students will have the opportunity to reach their individual goal, while also reaching the traditional point-recognition milestones and prizes that All Saints' has had in the past. Attendance at the Winter and Spring AR parties will be based on those traditional goals (see below). No part of a student's reading grade is based on the Accelerated Reader Program.

AR Term Recognition Days will be held 4 times this year:

- November 1
- January 6
- March 17
- May 19

Winter/Spring Party dates are TBD. Criteria for those are below, and **all first grade students will be invited.**

### Winter Party Goals

2nd grade: 60 points  
3rd grade: 75 points  
4th grade: 90 points  
5th and 6th grades: 100 points

### Spring Party Goals

2nd grade: 100 points  
3rd grade: 125 points  
4th grade: 140 points  
5th and 6th grades: 175 points

Please remember the following ways in which a student may engage with and test on a book:

1. The student reads the book alone.
2. The parent reads or shares in the reading of the book.
3. The student listens to a class book read by the teacher.
4. The student listens to an approved, unabridged audiotape of the book.

Students should not use Cliff's notes, Sparknotes or other book summaries to test, nor should they watch movies or read abridged versions of books and take tests. Students are **not** to receive help from friends or parents when taking AR tests, and **tests should be taken only at school, between the hours of 8am and 3pm.** Tests may **not** be taken at home.

If you have any questions about the AR program, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mrs. Brown.

**Happy Reading!**