

ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM 2023-2024

Welcome to the Accelerated Reader Program (A.R.). At All Saints' we believe that reading is a life skill. The ability to read fluently will prepare your child for the academic challenges he/she will encounter throughout life. A.R. is a fun, rewarding program designed to encourage reading. It is used to supplement our Open Court Reading Curriculum. We are very excited about the plans being made for this year's A.R. For those of you who are new to A.R., following is a brief introduction:

A.R. is a computerized reading management program. At All Saints' we begin the program in first grade. It is individualized and noncompetitive in that students themselves choose books from an A.R. list and read at their own pace. Each book has a point value assigned to it comparable to its level of difficulty. Upon the completion of a book, the student takes a computerized test, and points are earned based on the number of questions answered correctly.

The methods in which A.R. books can be read are as follows:

- 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 can listen to an approved, unabridged audiotape of the book.

Using Cliff Notes, movies, videos, or abridged versions of A.R. books is not acceptable. Students are not to receive help when taking AR tests from friends or parents.

Below are the prizes and awards associated with different point levels. These point milestones will be recognized at A.R. Recognition days that occur monthly as the school schedule allows. Teachers have also identified individual goals for each student. Individual goals will be awarded in the classroom. Points earned for books read during the summer will count toward a student's cumulative total points for prizes and recognition but not for individual 9 week goals.

IF you have any questions regarding A.R., please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Haigler. HAPPY READING!!!!!!

A.R. Goals and Awards 2023-2024

Awards - Grades 4-6

- 5 points Pencil
- 10 points Brag Tag
- 15 points Bookmark
- 25 points Button and Ribbon
- 50 points Ribbon
- 75 points Ribbon
- 100 points Ribbon and T-Shirt
- 150 points Ribbon and
- 200 points Ribbon and Gift Card
- 250 points Ribbon and Gift Card
- 300 points Ribbon and Make Daily Announcements on Intercom
- 350 points Ribbon and Assistant for the Day
- 450 points Ribbon and Lunch with Mr. Powell (Scheduled in May)
- 500 point Medallion and ASEDS "500 Club" plaque by May 10th
- Most points Reading Award Plaque by May 10th

Awards - Grades 1-3

- 5 points Pencil
- 10 points Brag Tag
- 15 points Bookmark
- 25 points Button and Ribbon
- 50 points Ribbon
- 75 points Ribbon
- 100 points Ribbon and T-Shirt
- 150 points Ribbon and Gift Card
- 200 points Ribbon and Gift Card
- 250 points Ribbon and Make Daily Announcements on Intercom
- 300 points Ribbon and Assistant for the Day
- 350 points Ribbon and Lunch with a friend outside
- 400 points Ribbon and Lunch with Mr. Powell (Scheduled in May)
- 500 point Ribbon, Medallion and ASEDS "500 Club" plaque by May 10th
- Most points Reading Award Plaque by May 10th

Recognitions

- September 29th
 - October 27th
 - December 8th
 - January 26th
- March 8th May 17th

Recognitions will occur on Spirit Days. Fridays at 8:15 Am in the MPB. Last day for points for each recognition will be the Friday before.

Parties!!!

Reading Party 1st - 3rd Grade

- Winter Party: January 26th
 - 1st Grade: All students attend
 - 2nd Grade: 60 points by January 26th
 - 3rd Grade: 75 points by January 26th
- Spring Party: May 17th
 - 1st Grade: All students attend
 - 2nd Grade: 100 points by May 10th
 - 2rd Grade: 125 points by May 10th

Reading Party 4th - 6th Grade

- Winter Party: January 19th
 - 4th Grade: 90 points by January 19th
 - 5th/6th Grade: 100 points by January
 - 19th
- Spring Party: May 10th
 - 4th Grade: 140 points by May 10th
 - 5th/6th Grade: 175 points by May 10th

Individual Reading Goals

Your student's teacher has set individual goals for each student. Your student's teacher is managing the recognition for your student achieving his/her individual goals.

A.R. books are color coded in the school library to help students find the appropriate grade level books. The A.R. reading list has been placed in the public library and also can be located at <u>http://www.arbookfind.com</u>. The public libraries and area bookstores do not label their books for Accelerated Reader so please use the following website to see if a book your child wishes to read has an AR test associated with it: <u>http://www.arbookfind.com</u>

The last day to take A.R. tests for awards is May 10th. Your student's teacher may allow AR testing past May 10th in order to reach individual goals.