



AR Accelerated Reader

What is AR?

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a national program used in K.I.S.D. to aide in the improvement of students' reading ability and their comprehension. First, a student takes a computer based vocabulary test called the STAR test that adjusts as the student is taking the test to her/his individual reading level. Then each student is assigned a personal reading level range by their teacher. Students read books which they choose in the appropriate range/color (colors correspond to grade levels). The student then takes a quiz on their comprehension of the book on a computer. The computer keeps track of the student's percent correct on each book and the number of points the student earns, which are based on the length and the difficulty of the books. Students move up in levels as they have success reading and taking quizzes.

AR Points

Each quiz will grant a certain number of points per quiz successfully taken. Smaller books are usually worth 1/2 of 1 point. The longer the book, the more points that could be earned. If a student misses a question on the quiz, but still passes, they earn part of the point that could be earned. Students earn "toe tokens" at certain levels that they can wear on their backpack, their shoes, or hang up at home.

AR in the Classroom

In addition to setting the range at which a student may check out AR books, teachers give their students a goal to meet (which could be per six weeks in the younger grades, and weekly in our upper grades). The student can then earn attendance to the AR party at the end of every six weeks if they have met that goal. Our generous PTO provides fun snacks at the end of their lunch on AR party day! At the end of the year, there is an all school AR party for the students that reach their yearly goal in EACH grade. Once they reach different point milestones, their names are placed on the wall outside the library.

How to find AR books (not at school)

Local libraries and bookstores also carry books students may quiz on. If you are considering a book, and want to know whether it's AR compatible, you can go to www.arbookfind.com. It's a simple search engine for you to use to find a book. There is a link on Tally's Parent Resources webpage.

Want to check your child's progress?

You have the ability to check your child's progress, see their "bookshelf" (the books they've read), and even sign up for e-mail alerts to let you know when your student has taken a test! Here's how:

1. Go to www.hosted190.renlearn.com/235690/homeconnect
2. Type in your students log in. Username: their lunch number followed by tally, with no spaces. Password is nest. A sample log in would look like this: User: 1234tally Password: nest

When can my student take a quiz?

During the day, your student's reading teachers or homeroom teacher affords them opportunities to take quizzes. There is also a school wide OPEN AR time before school for 2nd-5th graders at 7:30am in lab 125.

Q: My child should be reading an "orange book" What does this mean?

A: In the Tally Library, different levels correspond to colors to help the kids find their books with ease! Here are the levels/colors:

- .1 - .9 =yellow dot
- 1.0—1.9= orange dot
- 2.0—2.9 = light green dot
- 3.0—3.9 = purple dot
- 4.0—4.9 = dark green dot
- 5.0—5.9 = red dot
- 6.0—6.9= blue dot
- 7.0—7.9 = black dot
- 8.0 and above = white dot

Yearly Grade Level Goals for 2015 - 2016

Kinder - 25 points 1st Grade - 75 points 2nd Grade - 75 points

3rd Grade - 100 points 4th Grade - 125 points 5th Grade - 150 points

Point levels subject to change to lower values as decided by teachers.