

## **K-5 ACCELERATED READER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2018-2019**

Accelerated Reader (“A.R.”) is a motivational reading program that is designed to encourage students to practice their reading skills. AR does not replace our reading curriculum. In fact, it combines reading and technology in a way that motivates students to read from a variety of quality books and then take a computerized quiz. Initially, students will take the STAR reading test in grades K-5 to determine their reading “zone”. This is the reading range from which they should be selecting books for optimal growth in reading. It spans reading levels that are appropriately challenging for reading practice. Once their “zone” is determined the students must take AR quizzes in their “Zone” and/or reading range. We want to encourage the proficient readers to select books that have appropriate content and challenging vocabularies. Exceptions to this rule can be made by the classroom teacher for students with a reading level that matches non-chapter books. Each book is assigned a point value accordingly. When a student finishes an AR book (or it has been read to him aloud), they can take the accompanying computer test, either in the computer lab, library or in the classroom. If the student passes the quiz, he/she will earn points that enable them to receive different reading incentives. In kindergarten and first grade there will be no grades given for AR. However, grades 2nd-5th students will be graded twice per nine week period. For the students in the Advanced Academics program please check with your child’s teacher for specific grading policy. A comprehensive list of all AR books can be found at: [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com). Parents and students can access G.W. Carver’s catalog of books using the Destiny Catalog which can be found on our website through the Media Center tab. Thank you for working with us as we institute this school-wide A.R. program. On behalf of the entire faculty, staff, and students, we appreciate your shared commitment towards literacy!

### **Please adhere to the following procedures for taking AR quizzes:**

- Books should be read PRIOR to taking an AR test.
- The Media Center will be available to students during Early Bird Hours. 7:50-8:20. Early Bird hours are available to ALL students.
  - o Kindergarten, first and second grade students must be accompanied by a volunteer reading support team member. Volunteer reading support team members will pick up students ready to take AR quizzes from the cafeteria, escort them to the media center, assist students in the media center and finally safely escort students to their designated area in the cafeteria.
  - o Third-fifth grade students MUST have an AR/LIBRARY PASS from Coach Fairley to enter the Media Center. There will be a designated number of passes available each day. As students complete AR quizzes they are to return to the cafeteria in order to allow other students to visit the media center.
- Books are not allowed to be used while taking the test. It is suggested that the primary grades K-2 bring a reading log that contains the title and author.
  - A maximum of 2 tests are allowed, per sitting.
  - Testing is allowed in the Media Center after dismissal (up until 3:30 pm)
  - ALL students have access to AR testing in their Reading/ Language Arts classes.

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### Points & Incentives

Students in grades 1-5 will have individualized goals based on individual STAR results. Students have taken the STAR reading assessment early in the quarter to identify the grade level equivalency (GE) and Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) to determine the number of points needed to make the quarterly goal. Individual reports with your child's reading range and expected point goals will be sent home after they have completed the STAR test. Students are required to complete 30 minutes of daily reading.

Students that meet their individualized nine weeks goal will receive special recognition from their teachers, the PTA, as well as from the A.R. committee. Students must earn a specified amount of points each marking period with an overall average of 80% or higher. The points for the 4th marking period may be reduced due to students not having a full nine week marking period to meet their goal.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks	4 <sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks
<b>GOALS MUST BE MET BY</b>	Thursday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>INCENTIVE DATE AND HOSTED BY</b>	Thursday, November 9 <sup>th</sup> (PTA)	Friday, February 1 <sup>st</sup> (PTA)	Friday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> (PTA)	Monday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> (PTA)

These points and dates are subject to change with notice.

- Grades 3-5 have a requirement of 3 books/tests minimum.

### Checking Progress at Home

HOME CONNECT is a tool that connects school and home to keep parents informed of their child's progress toward their Accelerated Reader goal. It also allows parents to:

- View the books that have been read and tested throughout their school years at G.W. Carver.
- View all words a child has learned through Vocabulary Practice Quizzes.

- Access an online search tool, AR BookFind.com, to search for books using various criteria, including author, subject, or reading level.
- Receive emails that reveal results for Reading Practice Quizzes and Vocabulary Practice Quizzes, as well as provide links to the website where they can check progress.

To access Home Connect please go to: <https://hosted369.renlearn.com/311271/HomeConnect>

The login information is the same that your child uses at school. EX: Username: (Student ID#)  
Password: (Students initials)