

## **CARVER READS, or “AR explained”**

The AR program stands for Accelerated Reader. The PTA purchases this program for the school. The students usually start this program in first grade, but some kindergarteners start it January if they are reading.

### **WHICH BOOKS?**

Students should pick books to read within their assigned zone. Several times a year, the students take a computerized STAR test in school. From this, students are assigned a reading level, or “zone”. Their teacher has books in their zone and the Carver library has books color coded by zone. You are also welcome to find books for your child within their zone from your library or store as well. There is a free app called "PointsScan" to download. You scan any book's ISBN number and it will tell you the AR zone of the book. There is also a comprehensive list of all AR books at [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com). It's easiest to have your child read an AR book during his 30 minutes of nightly required reading.

### **QUIZZES?**

After your child reads a book in his zone, he can take the accompanying computer quiz AT SCHOOL. Students can take these quizzes in the computer lab, in the library, or in their classrooms. The library is open for computer testing before school at 8am, and after dismissal until 3:30pm. No, unfortunately students can't take these quizzes at home. If your student brings in a book from home, use the free app “PointsScan” to scan the ISBN number, then you can write down the quiz number for the student to take to the teacher, or he can just bring the book into class. Passing the quiz indicates that your child understood what was read. AR gives children, teachers, and librarians feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher and librarian then use to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

### **EARNING POINTS AND HAVING A PARTY?**

Each student will receive an individualized points goal for each 9 week grading period. Your teacher gives the points goal for your child. The points goal will be based on performance on the STAR test. Students earn points by reading a book in their zone, and then scoring >85% on the computer quiz for that book. You can see how many points each book is worth by scanning the ISBN number on the free app “PointsScan”. If a student achieves his or her points goal for a 9 week period, he or she will receive special recognition from the school, teachers, and the PTA. The student will be invited to the incentive party. The first party is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>. There are 4 grading periods and 4 parties scheduled.

To keep track of your student's points and know how close they are to the goal, parents have to login to Renaissance home connect. The website is: <https://hosted111.renlearn.com/65236/HomeConnect/Login.aspx> Then your child will login like they do at school.

### **QUESTIONS??**

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