

Third Grade

ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM

1. You can get Accelerated Reader books in the school library, the Stallo library, our classroom library or even from home, if they are on the Accelerated Reader List. Since we've gone online with our AR program, most books are now available.
2. The Accelerated Reader books are labeled in both libraries to make it easy for you to find them. Each book has been assigned a reading level and a point value. The point value varies according to the difficulty of the book. Most 3rd grade level books are worth around 1 or 2 points, and students should be reading at their appropriate level most of the time.
3. After you have chosen a book and read it carefully, you are ready to take a test on it. You will be asked 5 to 10 multiple-choice questions about your book on the computer. The computer will grade your test and let you know how many you got right. It will record your percentage and point value in your own personal reading record. Your parents will receive a copy of your reading record at the end of the nine weeks.
4. You will have **two goals** to meet with Accelerated Reading **each quarter**.

Goal #1: You have three options for the first goal.

- Option A: You must read and pass (with 80% accuracy) 2 chapter books per quarter at your reading range.
- Option B: You must read and pass (with 80% accuracy) 8 picture books per quarter at your reading range.
- Option C: You must read and pass (with 80% accuracy) 1 chapter book and 4 picture books per quarter at your reading range.

Goal #2: You must read and pass (with 80% accuracy) 2 nonfiction books per quarter at your reading range.

5. You will have some time to read during school (about 30 minutes per week), but you'll also need to spend at least 20 minutes reading at home each night.
6. Remember, the best way to become a better reader is to read, read, read!

SO HAVE FUN READING!