

## **AR FAQ**

### **1. What is AR?**

AR stands for Accelerated Reader. It is a subscription the school pays for which manages and tracks student reading for every student in grades 3-5. AR tracks a student's accuracy, his/her points earned, and the average book level attained.

### **2. How does AR work?**

A student chooses and reads an "AR" book and then takes a quiz online. Quizzes consist of 5-20 randomly generated questions about the book. (The more difficult the book, the greater the number of quiz questions.) Students are given a score and awarded "points" accordingly.

### **3. How do I know if a book is an "AR" book?**

Many of the AR books in the school library are labeled in some manner (either with a sticker or book level and points level written inside the front cover). If your child has a book at home or has borrowed one from the public library, and you need to determine if it is an AR book, you can search for the title on AR BookFinder:

<http://www.arbookfind.com/>

### **4. How is my child's AR level determined?**

AR assigns levels to books based on their own ATOS readability formula. You can read more about that at: <http://www.renlearn.com/ar/overview/atos/>

Your child's teacher will determine your child's individual AR level. They usually base this on their reading scores and past performance. The teacher seeks to find a level at which your child will be successful and yet still be challenged.

### **5. Can my child take AR tests at home?**

No, we do not have home access.

### **6. When can my child take AR tests?**

Teachers try to provide several opportunities during the school week for your child to take AR tests during the school day. Additionally, a student (accompanied by a parent) may come to the school library and take a test during these times:

8:00-8:35 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (during regular school days)

3:30-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday (during regular school days)

### **7. Can my child come in and take AR tests while they are off-track?**

Indeed, students are often encouraged by their teachers to continue working on their AR goals while off-track. Students that are off-track can come to the school library to take an AR test during regular school days/hours when accompanied by a parent.