



Fishing for a Good Book!

I.C. Accelerated Reader (Renaissance)

For 2nd - 8th Grades

2024 -2025

Dear I.C. Families,

Welcome back! Please read the following information carefully, and do not hesitate to ask any questions.

Renaissance Home Connect: This program has a special feature called Home Connect. You and your student may access this outside of school from any computer with an Internet Connection. Home Connect allows you to view information about your student's progress. It also allows you to sign up to receive email notifications after he/she completes a quiz at school. You can log in to Home Connect from any computer with an Internet Connection and compatible browser. For a list of compatible browsers, type the following in any browser:

<http://support.renlearn.com/techkb/techkb/10624292e.asp>

To log in to our Home Connect Website go to:

<https://global-zone05.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=194980>

You may gain access by using the same Username and Password your student is given in school.

If your child is reading a book at home, that is not already labeled as an AR book, you can click on the READING icon near your child's name in the upper right hand corner to search for the book and find out if a test is available for that particular book. You may also search for books by going to <https://www.arbookfind.com/>.

What is Accelerated Reader? Accelerated Reader (AR) is a computerized progress monitoring assessment that provides reliable and valid feedback on reading comprehension of books that students have read. This assessment information is used by teachers to monitor and guide each student's independent reading practice.

The AR procedure is as follows:

- A student selects an AR book within his/her reading range.
- He/she reads the book both during silent reading times at school and at home.
- Upon completion of the book, the student takes an AR quiz on a computer, which assesses the student's comprehension of key elements of the book's content. The teacher (and parent) can use the results from testing to guide instruction, monitor student independent reading, and help the student select appropriate reading material.

How is a student's reading range determined? Student reading levels measure the levels of text a student can read with quality comprehension. The text should not be too easy or too difficult for the student. Establishing an accurate reading range is a bit of trial and error, and will be based on the student's accuracy in his/her AR testing. A student's reading range will typically be lower than the maximum reading level at which he/she may read effectively. **Book level does not equal grade level.** When a person reads for leisure, he/she does not strive to read text that is constantly at the maximum of his/her reading level. Instead, he/she strives to read text that is age-appropriate in content, of interest to him/her, and that is comfortable to read. For example, newspapers are typically written at a 5.0 reading level.

AR quarterly reading grade for 3th-8th: Students in grades 3-8 will earn a grade for AR quarterly, which will count as 15% of the reading grade each quarter. It will be based on AR points earned within the quarter out of required points for the grade level as follows:

3rd grade – 5 points	5th grade – 10 points	7th grade – 14 points
4th grade – 8 points	6th grade – 12 points	8th grade – 16 points

Points for the quarterly grade may **not** include books read orally by the teacher to the class or books studied as a literature unit in reading class. Example: If a 7th grader

earned 13 points within the first quarter, his AR grade for the quarter would be 13/14, which is 93%, which is weighted as 15% of his total reading grade.

How can you help your student with AR?:

- The best help is to encourage your student to read independently every evening. Help him/her establish a leisure reading routine.
- Discuss test results with your child by checking the Home Connect site regularly. The goal is to score an 85% or higher, but different amounts of points will be earned for 60% and higher.
- Discuss reading goals with your student. Encourage improvement.

Quarterly Drawings: Each quarter we will have a drawing per grade level for an AR prize. *First graders will be joining our drawing for Quarters 3 and 4.* Every time your student earns the following points, he/she will have his/her name placed in the drawing:

1st grade - every 2 points 2nd grade- every 3 points 3rd grade- every 5 points

4th grade- every 8 points 5th grade- every 10 points 6th grade- every 12 points

7th grade- every 15 points 8th grade- every 15 points

Point Club Prizes: We will have prizes for students as they achieve point club status for 10 pts., 25 pts., 50 pts., 100 pts., 150 pts., 200 pts., 250 pts., 300 pts., 400 pts., 500 pts...

Keys to Success:

- *Read at your level.
- *Read books that interest you.
- *Read daily.
- *Take your time to test carefully.

Thank you to the Home and School for continuing to generously support the AR program with its funding.