**Accelerated Reader Policy**

**Second Grade (2018-2019)**

**Requirements**

* Each 9 weeks, students should reach all 3 of his/her AR goals.
* The comprehension goal for all students is 80%.
* Your child’s point goal: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your child’s reading range goal: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rewards for Reaching Goal (quarterly)**

* Those who reach their goal will have a celebration in the classroom and will receive a brag tag.

**Consequences for Not Reaching Goal**

* AR is not counted toward your child’s academic grade in language arts but it is reflected in other ways. Examples: *completes assignments* and *works independently* in work/study grade.
* It is your child’s responsibility to take AR tests. General reminders will be given but please help monitor your child’s progress.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

* **How do I know my child’s reading goal?** See “Requirements” at the top of this page.
* **How is my child’s AR reading level determined?** Your child took the STAR reading placement test on the computer at the beginning of the school year.
* **How are my child’s AR reading goals determined?** It is determined by the STAR reading test. The factors are: your child’s reading level and the number of minutes of reading expected daily.
* **May my child take tests that are above or below his/her level?** Yes, as long as your child’s average level book is within the correct reading range at the end of the nine weeks.
* **How can my child get AR books?** We go to the Media Center once a week. Students may also check out books and take AR tests before school (in the Media Center). Your child may also read books you have at home. You may check to see if a title is an AR book and the level of difficulty by using the web site AR Bookfinder. There is a link from the Buck Lake web site. Buck Lake does not own the testing rights to all tests. Your child is welcome to check the title at school prior to reading the book to ensure BLE owns the test.
* **Should my child take a test on a book read a long time ago?** Your child should only take tests on books read the same day or the day before. If the test is taken on something read weeks or months ago it becomes a “remembering” test instead of a comprehension test. Have your child reread the book if he/she wants to take a test on it.
* **When can my child take tests?** Your child is allowed to take tests when direct instruction is not taking place. Students take tests throughout the day.
* **Am I able to monitor how my child is scoring on AR tests?** Yes, directions will be sent home soon. You may also have the program email you whenever your child takes a test.
* **Is my child able to retake a test?** No, students may only take each test once.
* **Will my child’s AR goals change?** Your child’s AR reading range may change based on the STAR test (which is administered every quarter), progress toward the goal, and teacher judgment.

If you have any questions about the Accelerated Reader program, please email your child’s teacher.

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