

"United in Pursuing Excellence"

Dear ATA Families:

We believe it is important that children read as early as possible and continue reading throughout their elementary-school years and beyond. Students are encouraged to read for approximately 15 minutes each evening. Reading regularly helps students build vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and a lifelong love of reading.

We are continuing our school-wide Accelerated Reader initiative for students. AR expectations have been adjusted this year to make them achievable and appropriate for students at each grade level as students will only be permitted to take quizzes while in school. Students will have reading goals to work toward during each nine-week grading period.

The ultimate goal of Accelerated Reader is not simply to earn points or take a certain number of quizzes. Our goal is to encourage students to read, set personal reading goals, and demonstrate their understanding of the books they choose by successfully completing AR quizzes.

Students are expected to complete all AR quizzes independently. Parents and family members are encouraged to support their child's reading by helping them choose books, listening to them read, and encouraging them to reach their reading goals. However, AR quizzes should always be completed by the student.

Students will be given opportunities to take AR quizzes during school hours (7:50 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) If time does not permit a student to take a quiz during regular class time, students may take AR quizzes during Good Morning Club, which will be available every morning from 7:50–8:10 a.m. This provides students with an additional opportunity to complete quizzes at school. Please encourage and remind your child to go to the Good Morning Club if he/she has a quiz to take each morning.

Please understand that AR quiz records are monitored. If it is recorded that a student took an AR quiz while not in school, completed an unusually large number of quizzes in one day, or there is reason to believe that someone other than the student completed a quiz, the quiz or quizzes may be deleted from the student's AR record. This is necessary to ensure that AR records accurately reflect each student's individual reading and comprehension.

Students who meet their AR goals will continue to have opportunities to be recognized and rewarded for their hard work and dedication to reading. We want AR to be a positive experience that encourages students to become confident, independent, and motivated readers.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership as we work together to help our students develop strong reading habits and a genuine love of reading.

Happy Reading!