



AR INFORMATION

Dear Families:

Accelerated Reading (AR) is a reading program used at our school to improve reading and reading comprehension. Students read AR books (at their level) then take a comprehension test on the computer. These reading levels are based on their performance on a diagnostic test. They are allowed to only check out books in their level from the library on Wednesdays. Each week we will have a new AR goal until we reach our trimester goal of 10 points. Goals will go up a point each week until we have reached 10 points, which is the goal for the first trimester. AR grades for points and comprehension are averaged and account for 20% of reading grades.

Students have many opportunities to take AR tests on the computers in class: Once they finish class work, during any free time or snack time, before or after school or during recess. If they haven't met their goal, students are required to read and test for AR during our computer lab time and during "Fun Friday." They have been instructed to read the smaller, or picture books they check out from the library first (these books are worth 0.5 or $\frac{1}{2}$ a point) and test on them before reading their chapter book (worth 1 or more points). We also have several picture books they can read and test on.

I will be sending home AR reports so that you can check your child's AR points and percentages. You are also able to check your child's AR progress from home by going onto the Ceres Unified Web Site, going onto Renaissance Learning and having your child log on.

Thanks for your support. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. King