

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Oak Ridge is excited to announce that our school will continue participating in the Accelerated Reader™ (AR™) program.



### **What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?**

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor student's independent reading practice.

Your student picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your student takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your student understood what was read.) AR gives students, teachers, and parents/guardians feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your student set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

### **How does the school determine my child's reading level?**

Teachers will determine your student's reading level by Lexile level from SBAC and Fastbridge Assessments. Fastbridge assessments are given three times a year.

What is a **Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)**?

ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a student without causing frustration or loss of motivation. Your student will receive a ZPD range.

### **What are points?**

Every book that has an AR Reading Practice Quiz is given a point value. AR points are computed based on the difficulty of the book (readability level) and the length of the book (number of words).

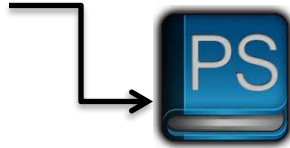
Children earn points, or a portion of a book's points, depending on how well they do on the Reading Practice Quiz.



### **How will I know if a book has an AR quiz?**

To know if a book has an AR quiz, you can:

- Visit the AR BookFinder™ website at [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) to conduct a search of all available books with AR quizzes.
- BookScanner App: iPhone, iPad (Apple Market)
- Points Scan App: Android Market



### **How will my student take a quiz?**

Students will be given opportunities to take quizzes in their classrooms. Quizzing from home is not permitted.

### **How will I know how my student is doing?**

- Renaissance Home Connect is a website that allows the student, you, and the teacher to view progress in AR while outside of school.
  - To log in to Renaissance Home Connect Website:  
<https://global-zone08.renaissancego.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=267067>
  - Renaissance ID: ORES-03QD
- Your student uses the same username and password that they use to access the AR in their classroom.
- In Renaissance Home Connect you can also:
  - Click Email Setup to sign up to receive emails showing your student's quiz or test results
  - Click Help to get answers to your questions about Renaissance Home Connect

### **Accelerated Reader Awards:**

Oak Ridge Bobcats have the opportunity to earn medals by reaching their grade level points according to the chart below.

There is an award system starting. Please see the attachment for details.

We look forward to seeing our students grow and learn to love reading!

Thank you for your continued support,

Oak Ridge Elementary

# Oak Ridge Elementary Accelerated Reader Incentive Program

***Accelerated Reader Medals*** -All Students who achieve the required number of points for book read.

	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Platinum
<b>Kindergarten</b>	5	10	15	35
<b>First Grade</b>	25	15	7	50
<b>Second Grade</b>	40	25	10	80
<b>Third Grade</b>	60	37.5	15	120
<b>Fourth Grade</b>	80	50	20	140
<b>Fifth Grade</b>	100	62.5	25	180
<b>Sixth Grade</b>	120	75	30	200

Grade level intermittent awards for reader growth. Incentives are decided by grade level.

***Accelerated Reader Lifetime Awards***- The following awards will be received upon reading the required number of points at any time during the student's tenure at Oak Ridge.

Category	Point Total
Topaz	500
Garnet	750
Amethyst	1,000
Ruby	1,500
Sapphire	2,000
Emerald	2,500
Diamond	3,000