



Accelerated Reading - Fall Launch 2015

Grades 2-6

What is the Accelerated Reader (AR) Program?

- ◆ The Accelerated Reader Program is a computerized reading management program that allows educators to personalize reading practice by guiding students to choose books at appropriate levels, closely monitor their progress, and intervene with appropriate instruction to accelerate reading growth.
- ◆ AR helps students focus attention on the careful reading of books, which improves students' critical-thinking skills and builds an intrinsic love of reading.
- ◆ AR rewards and recognition motivate students to read more.

How does Accelerated Reader (AR) work?

- ◆ Each quarter students will receive an individualized reading point and comprehension goal.
- ◆ Books checked out at the KTEC library and classroom libraries are identified and labeled with the AR book level and points. The program awards a certain number of points per book based on the length and difficulty of the book.
- ◆ The **student selects a book** to read based on their Zone of Proximal Development (**ZPD**) or reading level. The ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a student without causing frustration or loss of motivation. It is the optimal level of difficulty for reading practice.
- ◆ The software estimates a ZPD based on a student's **STAR** reading assessment score. Students are encouraged to read within the entire zone.
- ◆ The **student reads the book** at his/her own pace. Students are encouraged to read non-fiction books twice and review all books before taking a quiz.
- ◆ **At school, the student takes a computerized Accelerated Reading quiz**, featuring 5, 10, or 20 multiple-choice questions, which assess the student's comprehension of the book's key elements. **The AR system immediately scores the quiz** and points are awarded for correct answers. The system tells the student how many questions he/she answered correctly. It also shows answers for the questions missed.
- ◆ At KTEC, all students strive for **80% or higher** comprehension level.
- ◆ The teacher receives reports on the quizzes taken and confers with each student. This enables the teacher to target instruction to accelerate reading growth, guide students to select appropriate reading materials and continue to motivate the reader.
- ◆ Students meeting their quarterly comprehension and point goal will be eligible for the school wide incentive program.
- ◆ **The parent's role in this program is to encourage reading at home daily and to assist their child in selecting and reading books within their ZPD.**

How can I monitor my child's progress?

- ◆ Go to ktec.kusd.edu
- ◆ Click on Resources
- ◆ Under the Green Links for Everyone/Language Arts - Click on **AR Home Connect**
- ◆ User Name: first initial of your child's name, and then the first four letters of your child's last name. Password: abc **Click Log In**
- ◆ If you'd like to receive emails showing your student's quiz results, click the Email Setup link located in the top right corner. To be sure these emails reach your inbox, add homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com to your address book.