**Accelerated Reader (AR) at ARIS**

All students at ARIS participate in AR. Students take a STAR test which measures reading ability and assigns each student a range or zone of book levels. Students will read in this range and quiz on books to check their reading comprehension. Teachers will set reading goals for all students. All students will have a goal of 85% correct (average of all quiz scores). Students will have a points goal, and those who earn all of their points will be awarded prizes. Goals start over every nine weeks. STAR Reader certificates are awarded at the end of the year for students who meet their goals all four nine week grading periods.

**FAQ’s**

**What is Accelerated Reader?**

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children’s independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his own level and reads it at his own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) Accelerated Reader gives children, teachers, and librarians feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

Children using Accelerated Reader choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.

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

In independent literature-based reading, ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation. Your child will receive a ZPD range after taking a Star Reading test. The ZPD score from the Star Reading test will show up in Accelerated Reader, making it easier for teachers and librarians to set goals for students. It’s important for children to read with a high degree of comprehension and within their ZPDs. ZPDs will be adjusted based on the needs of your child.

**How will I know if a book has an Accelerated Reader quiz?**

Books in the school library are labeled by book level. If students are reading from a classroom, home, or public library, parents can visit the Accelerated Reader Bookfinder™ at [arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com/) to conduct a search of all available books with Accelerated Reader quizzes. The book level will be listed beneath the quiz number.

**Why can’t my child look up quiz answers in the book?**

Students are not allowed to look up answers because the Accelerated Reader program measures reading comprehension. When a student looks up the answers while quizzing, then quiz scores no longer accurately indicate the student’s level of comprehension. This means the teacher can no longer accurately assess whether the books a student is reading are at the appropriate level.

\*More information on AR can be found on the [FAQ’s page](https://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/?_ga=2.200540398.1349287774.1598636017-1309529093.1539875883) at Renaissance Learning.