

**\*\*NEW LANGAUGE ARTS POLICY: PLEASE READ\*\***  
Independent Reading Policy: Grades 4-6

With the 2017-2018 school year, Portage Area Elementary School has eliminated its use of the Accelerated Reader Independent Reading Program. The district still feels it is crucial that students continue to read outside the classroom. This newly instated policy will ensure that this is carried out by all students and that their reading outside the classroom is closely related to each grade level's curriculum.

Previously, Accelerated Reading was a course separate from the student's reading grade. The independent reading requirements for grades 4 through 6 will now be scored as a part of the student's classroom reading grade. The students will no longer be required to take AR tests on the computer to obtain a certain number of reading book points each marking period. Rather, students will be required each month to complete projects and activities from a variety of genres to demonstrate knowledge of what they have read.

The following is an outline of what is expected of each student in their grade level per month. Projects and activities will be handed out at the beginning of each month, based on the following outline. Due dates for these projects and activities will be assigned at that time on a monthly calendar.

Grade 4:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One article (Provided by teacher)</li><li>• One chapter book (Chosen, shown, and approved by teacher)</li><li>• One teacher-chosen genre</li></ul>
Grade 5:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One article (Provided by teacher)</li><li>• 1-2 chapter books dependent on page count and reading level (Chosen, shown, and approved by teacher)</li><li>• One teacher-chosen genre</li></ul>
Grade 6:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1-2 articles (Teacher provided or student selected)</li><li>• 2 novels (Chosen, shown, and approved by teacher)</li><li>• One teacher-chosen genre</li></ul>

Please sign below indicating that you have read and understand the change in your child's language arts curriculum.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return no later than tomorrow.  
Thank you!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_