



Let's Get Excited About Accelerated Reader!

Our school has a computer based reading motivation program called Accelerated Reader. It is simple to use and provides immediate feedback about a child's understanding of a particular book. After reading an Accelerated Reader book, the student takes a computerized test on that book.

The multiple-choice questions are used to check the reader's ability to recall basic facts and events in the book. After finishing the test, the child earns a point score. Point values assigned to each book are a result of a scientific formula which involves the length of the book and its readability index rating (Reading Level). The number of points a student actually receives credit for is directly related to how well the student does on the test. Our school has set a goal for students to have an 85% or higher average monthly.

We are asking that each child reads two **chapter** books per month at their reading level and passes the tests. Students will be reading Accelerated Reader books in school and at home daily. Students are able to take AR tests on their i-pads at various times throughout the school day. The fourth grade goal by the end of May is 70 points. Please encourage your child to read their AR books and to take tests at school. The PTKS has generously offered to provide incentives for the students. You can review these incentives with your child to help encourage him or her to participate in this program. There are two ways your child can earn incentives. The first is to earn Shark Bucks which are worth 25 cents at the Stocker School Store. The Shark Buck can be earned monthly by maintaining a 85% or better average. The other incentive is Lunch with the Teacher which is earned by accumulating points and reading within one's level. See the chart below.

As always, thank you for your continued support in your child's education,

Mrs. Siedjak, Mrs. Melander & Ms. Mardon

Shark Bucks - one per month

for having an average of 85% or better

Lunch with the Teacher - 4 th Grade

for earning points and reading within one's own level

- 1 st Lunch = 35 points
- 2 nd Lunch = **70 points** (End of year goal for fourth grade)
- 3 rd Lunch = 105 points
- 4 th Lunch = 140 points
- 5 th Lunch = 175 points
- 6 th Lunch = 210 points
- 7 th Lunch = 245 points
- 8 th Lunch = 280 points

Trophies will be given at the end of the year to the top point earners in each classroom. Also, the top point earner in 4 th grade will have lunch at Red Robin with Mrs. Walls and Mrs. Nalker.