

Independent Reading Expectations

What a great year it has been so far! I am very proud of those students who are meeting their reading and math expectations and goals. **Those who have gone above and beyond the required reading goal each quarter! Fantastic job!!**

Students are expected to read every night of the week for a minimum of 20-30 minutes. The more the better! If your child reads below grade level a higher emphasis of reading is critical to gain growth to catch up not just move forward. Consistent practice is how your child will grow as a reader. It is also important for students to read out loud to someone for a few minutes a few times a week. The more the better! Encourage their fluency and rhythm of reading.

Students read to gain fluency, to build comprehension and vocabulary. Accelerated Reader provides consistent feedback on how your child is doing with their reading by the test results alerts me to any problems we need to address. Their Quarterly Reading goal is based on their STAR reading Test and other assessments I have provided.

If your child consistently reads within their level it will enhance his or her reading ability. Please make sure your child is reading each and every night.

My expectations are that: **READ, READ, READ, Students take an AR Quiz.** AR offers more

than 150,000 quizzes of five types on both fiction and nonfiction titles. The number of tests your child takes depends upon his or her reading level.

Your child will be tested on Star Reader at least 4 times a year. However, some children may be assessed once a month to monitor their reading progress if they are having difficulty.

In addition to that the class will also have class goals, such as reading percentage, class points, and the at risk level. If the class achieves those goals, we usually have a class party for them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I will be more than happy to answer your questions.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day	Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day	Student "C" reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

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1st Quarter Reading Expectation Criteria

All of Independent Reading is a total of 25% of student's reading grade.

Independent Reading is to practice strategies that are and have been taught throughout his or her education. Students will only grow with practice.

- 1. Reading Log** a simple log that is to be kept through the week with his or her schedule of reading.
 - **Students should read a minimum of 30 minutes per day.**
 - **Students should read out loud 2x per week (10 minutes) to a sibling, parent, stuffed animal, computer recording, etc.**
 - **Students need to complete a WPM task 1x per week.**
- 2. Reading Response** – Students need to complete 2 reading responses based on questions posed using test from reading to support answer.
- 3. Comprehension Test – AR** - Students take a short computerized quiz to confirm understanding of reading. 5-20 questions depending on size of book.
- 4. Vocabulary Quiz** - Vocabulary Practice Quizzes help maximize students' word acquisition through reading practice. Vocabulary Practice Quizzes contain 5, 10, or 15 questions covering the vocabulary words found in the books they have read. It is given right after a student takes the comprehension quiz.

All students are expected to

- **Read (2) Nonfiction Books** in his or her zone and pass the test with a 70% or better – if they earn a score lower than 70% they must REREAD & RETEST (I will have to delete the test)
- **Must Test on an AR Vocabulary test if offered** - if they fail AR test then they will have to find Vocab test separately
- **Test on all HM Anthologies**
- **Test on all Kids Discover Magazines**
- **Above Average Readers (above grade level) - (1) Classic Book**

**STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO READ & PASS AR TESTS on
NONFICTION BOOKS**

1st Quarter – 2 Books

2nd Quarter – 3 Books

3rd Quarter – 4 Books

5th Quarter – 5 Books

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IDEPENDENT READING GRADE (25%) includes:

Reading Log

Four goals are set for students to work towards growth with his or her individual reading ability: average percent correct, daily reading time, points, and average ATOS book level.

AR % of GOAL EARNED – Students must read above and beyond read aloud books or books read to student.

Average Percent Correct Goal

The minimum goal for average percent correct on Reading Practice Quizzes is 85 percent.

This is the most important goal for students to achieve because it indicates that students comprehend what they read. Average percent correct is the average of the scores the student received on the Reading Practice Quizzes he or she took during a particular marking period.

Nonfiction Quizzes

Thank you for supporting your child towards academic growth to benefit today and their future.

Students who earn 60 points no matter when throughout the year will earn a pizza party.

Special awards will also be given to the Top Readers with the most AR points each quarter.

Failure to complete AR tests for the Nonfiction books, HM Anthologies, or Kids Discover Magazines will result in a failing score entered for each assignment (Kid's Discover is Reading & Social Studies). Please don't fall behind. Stay on top of the AR Challenge.

AR (Accelerated Reader) Access You can view your child's AR Progress from home by logging on to **AR (Accelerated Reader)**. Utilize the email feature and receive regular updates of your child's reading progress. Students should know his or her username & password: <https://Hosted6.renlearn.com/1142919/HomeConnect> You can't argue with proven research: Students perform better when parents are actively involved in the learning process. By logging onto Renaissance Home Connect*, parents can access real-time information in English or Spanish to stay up to date and keep their children motivated.

My main goal is for students to forget about the points and the minutes and just fall into a book for enjoyment.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Johnson

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