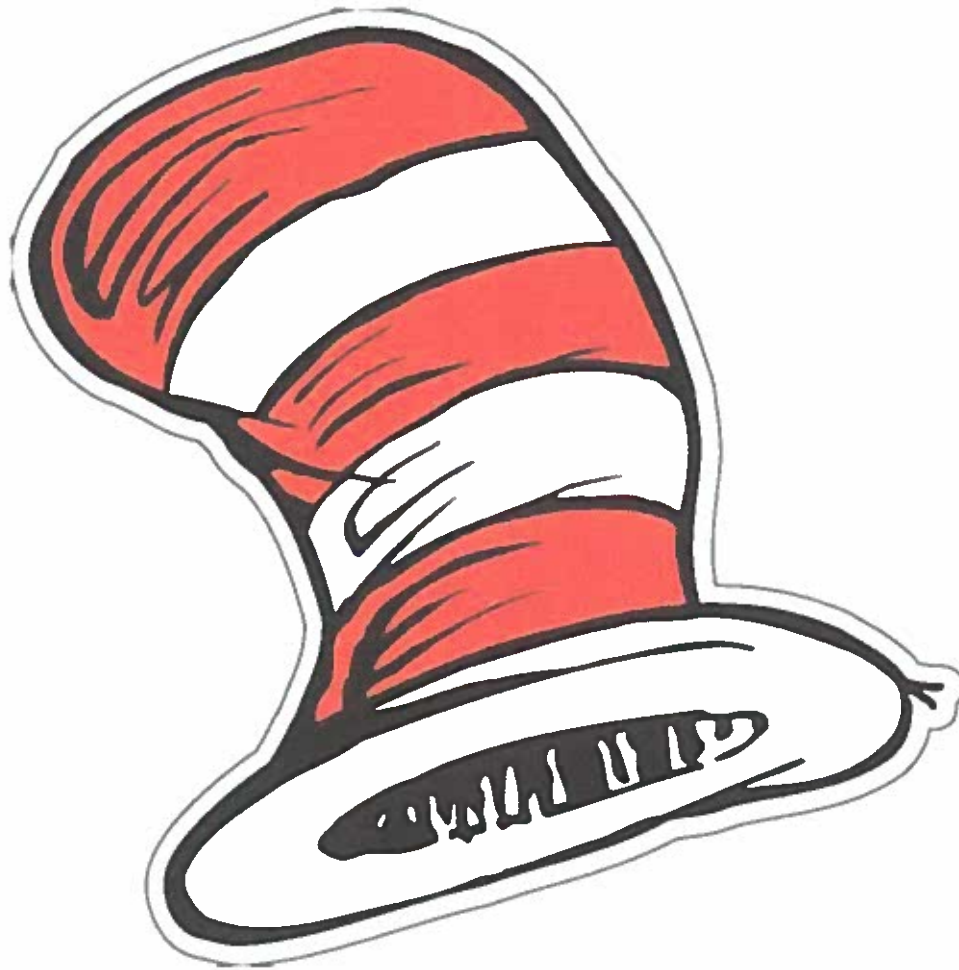




Harrison Park
Elementary

Accelerated Reader
Program

School year 2016-2017



ABOUT ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a program that encourages and rewards children for reading. When a student reads any accelerated reader book, they may take a computerized “quiz” on that book. The children earn points based on the points for the book and how many questions are answered correctly on the quiz. At predetermined point levels, the children earn themed pins to display on their lanyards. There will be additional individual incentives, class, and whole school incentives throughout the year. Students will have the opportunity to take quizzes during their weekly library time and in their classrooms as time permits. Also a new way for the students to take quizzes is on their personal devices (iphone, ipad, and ipods) during normal school hours. Parent volunteers are available during library times to help with any issues and to award pins as they are earned.

HOW TO FIND OUT WHICH BOOKS ARE AR BOOKS

There are over 160,000 books that have quizzes on the web-based AR system. Most are popular books that children are reading for reading levels grades 1-8. Teachers and the librarian can help in finding books for each child at his/her reading level and personal likes. All library books have been marked on the inside cover of the book with the reading level for the book and the points possible for the book.

At home, you can look up what books are available in the AR system along with their quiz number, the point value, and reading level of the book. This can be searched at: www.arbookfind.com

Once a student takes a quiz on a specific book, they are not able to take a quiz on that book again. The AR software is designed to maintain student records from year to year. Therefore, students cannot retake a quiz that they have previously taken (passed or failed) even if it was in a previous school year.

HOMECONNECT

Students, and parents, can now view his/her daily progress in reading at any time simply by accessing Home Connect from any computer with access to the internet. The students and parents can view goals, results of the last quiz take, find books included in the AR program and view quizzes that have been taken. You may also set up email notification if you so choose for results to be sent with each quiz that is taken. Students may not take quizzes at home via this site. Homeconnect may be accessed at: <https://hosted101.renlearn.com/24729/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>

PERSONAL DEVICE LOGIN INFORMATION

Go to the itunes store and download the AR app. This is a free app for iphone, ipod, or the ipad. Select Settings (renaissance place id) Login information is PTSD-21AI.(number 2 and 1 and ai in caps). Select done and then a student using his/her school user id and password will be able to login to his/her account. **User names and Passwords have changed from last year.** With this app, at school, they may take tests. At home, they are able to view their points and books that his/her has previously tested on. Testing is not allowed at home.

GOALS

Each student will have his/her own individual points accumulating for individual incentives and for classroom rewards. Any goals will be set by the teachers. Goals are set based on star reading testing. Any information on your child's reading level or any goals set for his/her will need to be followed up with his/her reading teacher.

There will be a field trip for those students who have reached 100 points by a date TBD the end of January or February.

We are doing many incentives this year individual and whole school rewards. Our theme this year is Dr. Seuss. We will be changing a few things around school that might look a little Seuss like. We will have a few Seuss days as we reach our school word goal. So get out your thing 1 and 2 shirts your Cat in the hat hats.

Rewards will include lunch in the library this year and Dodge ball has been requested by the students to be a reward again. We are working on some new ideas. Watch the PTO newsletter for specifics on AR rewards. There will be offered after school events to help in goal achievement each quarter. Help your child discover the stories that he or she will remember for a lifetime.

CELEBRATIONS

This year there will be an end of the year assembly if the word goal is reached. The word goal for the entire school is **200 million** words read. The ability to attend the assemblies will only be available to students who have participated in the program and earned points. Specifics to the point and word goal will be released in September. All individual student goals are assigned by their teacher. Students will earn reward pins at the specified point intervals of 10,25,50,75,100,150,200,300,400,500 and 600 points.

Watch the PTO newsletter for additional information and how Harrison Park is progressing on their goal. If you have an interest in helping with AR please let us know.

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO READ!

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO READ!

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF READING

READERS ARE LEADERS!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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ACCELERATED READER VOLUNTEER FORM

AR (Accelerated Reader) is an important program to help increase the students reading comprehension using books the kids like to read. This program only works by many parent volunteers. Parents are asked to assist in the library with AR testing and reward giving. If you have any interest in working with your child's class or any other class please fill out the form below and the times that you would be able to help. The more volunteers the easier the work. Please volunteer for the frequency and the class times that would work for you. Please attend the parent meeting on September 12, 2016 at 9am or September 13 12:30 pm for orientation and for the changes for this year. It is mandatory to attend one of the meetings or set up an orientation at a more convenient time for you. If a different time is needed please note times available. For any questions please contact Dawn at 412-983-5417 OR jdormire@comcast.net. Please note if clearances are needed. All parent volunteers require clearances to volunteer for AR. If you need forms to get clearances please see the PT website for links and directions.

NOTE TIMES YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR AND RETAIN _____

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO MRS. SOCRATES MARKED FOR AR BY THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Please check or circle the times you can help

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY-PM
HOHMAN 2:45-3:15 _____	MASTROIANNI 10:30-11 _____	B.SMYDA 9:05-9:35 _____
TUESDAY	MILLER 2:15-2:45 _____	VAIA 9:35-10:05 _____
SMITH 9:05-9:35 _____	PRATT 2:45-3:15 _____	KEEFER 10:05-10:35 _____
LEYDIG 9:35-10:05 _____		SIMPSON 10:35-11:05 _____
HOFFMAN 10:15-10:45 _____		KEILBACH 2:15-2:45 _____
LANTZ 10:45-11:15 _____		LATHOM 2:45-3:15 _____
SCAVINCKY 2:20-2:50 _____		

_____ I have my clearances on file at the school
_____ I do not have current clearances. Please send me the necessary forms.
_____ I am willing to be on the substitute list for: _____ any shift _____ only the shift time I am scheduled for

NAME _____

PHONE HOME _____ CELL _____ TEXT _____ YES _____ NO?

CHILD'S NAME (S) _____

GRADE/TEACHER _____

E-MAIL _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

MOST CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE THROUGH E-MAIL, PLEASE GIVE EMAIL AND INDICATE IF YOU CAN RECEIVE TEXTS

RETURN FORM BY FRIDAY, SEPT. 8, 2016 ATTN MRS SOCRATES MARK FOR AR