

Accelerated Reader
A Handbook for Teachers
Randolph Elementary
2006-2007

Who: all Second through Fifth are eligible to participate, as well as those Kindergarteners and First Graders who are independent readers.

What: AR is a reading incentive program which strives to reinforce the habit of reading.

When: The program begins as soon as we have the students assigned to their teacher for the 2006-2007 school year. The program ends April 30, 2007.

Where: The students will access and take the quizzes in their classroom.

Why: Besides developing a love of reading, those children who reach their goal are awarded a trophy at the annual Randolph Elementary Trophy Ceremony, The ceremony takes place in May and parents are cordially invited.

How: The student reads a book on their independent reading level, takes a test on the computer and earns points. The Randolph elementary quiz data base holds 6,746 Practice Quizzes. Grades One through Three also have 306 McGraw Hill Instructional Quizzes at their disposal.

Who is responsible for the AR program at Randolph?

The Reading Team is the primary sponsor of the program. They resolve all student issues as well as coordinating the Trophy Ceremony. The Reading Team is composed of Reading Teachers Cheryl Deegan, Laurel McCurdy, Audra Mitchell, and Librarian Sharon Lawler.

For many years the PTA has faithfully provided the financial support for the purchase of the trophies.

Sharon Lawler coordinates the identification, purchase and uploading of the quizzes from Renaissance Learning. The Library is responsible for maintaining the quiz database, the student database, and resolving conflicts in the databases. The Library is responsible for marking the books with the red tape, the book level, and the points possible.

Technology is responsible for software/ hardware issues

Recurring Questions From Students and Parents:

Can I take a test at the Youth Center?

Can I take a test at home?

No

Can I retake a test if I took it last year?

No, the database has a complete record of the quizzes taken by each student over the years. That information stays in the system until the student leaves Randolph Elementary.

Do we have the book for every quiz in the database?

Do we have the quiz for every book in the library?

No, but the ratio of 13,000 student items to 6396 quizzes is pretty good.

How do I know if a book has a test to go along with it?

The book will have a strip of red tape above the spine label.

How do I know what the reading level and points for a particular book?

On the inside pocket of our library books, we have two notes. RL means "reading level" and PT means "points" if you get 100%.

Or

Access the quiz list and look at the information under BL, for book -reading level and Points for the possible points you could earn.

Do I have to read books from the school library? Can I use books that I get from the public library or that I have at home?

You may read books from home or from other libraries. You are not required to check the AR book from the school library.

I have a book at home and I want to know if Randolph Elementary has the quiz. How do I know what quizzes Randolph Elementary has?

Access the quiz list from your classroom

Click on the AR Student icon.

Click on Practice if your are in Kinder through Fifth Grade.

Click on Instruction if you are in First through Third and your teacher tells you to do so.

Click anywhere on the Welcome screen.

Click on your teacher's name and Login.

Click on your name and Login

Type in your password

Click on Take a Quiz

The Quiz list comes up. You can organize it by title, author, points, or book level. If you do not want to take the test, click on Back and Logout.

Or

Access the quiz list from your home

Go to:

<http://www.randolph-field.k12.tx.us/RES/index.htm>

and

Click on "Accel. Reader Tests" in the left hand column

This is a .pdf file. You can increase the magnification.

Use the Binoculars symbol to search

What if you do not have the book that I want to read, but you do have a test?

Let us know what the title is and we will try and borrow the book from another library. We can't borrow tests, however.

Which book has the most points?

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is worth 44 points if you get 100%. It is a 7.2 book level. The next highest is Little Women at 32 points. It is an 8.6 book level

How do I take a test?

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Click on Instruction if you are in First through Third and your teacher tells you to do so.

Click anywhere on the Welcome screen.

Click on your teacher's name and Login.

Click on your name and Login

Type in your password

Click on take a quiz.

Why won't AR let me take a test?

You may be putting in a password which is different from what the computer has in the database. After three wrong attempts you are locked out. Please notify the Library so we can resolve the problem

I can't remember if I took that quiz. How do I find out?

Click on the AR Student icon.

Click on Practice if your are in Kinder through Fifth Grade.

Click on Instruction if you are in First through Third and your teacher tells you to do so.

Click anywhere on the Welcome screen.

Click on your teacher's name and Login.

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Type in your password

Click on Report for a list of tests taken.

Choose All for a complete list.

Choose Title so it will be arranged alphabetically by title.

I just moved here and I earned AR points at my old school. Can I have those points?

Yes, just bring the AR report from your old school to the Library and we will put those points into your record. Your parent may have the report, or the report may have been sent in your school record.

I just moved here and we did not have AR. Do I have time to earn the AR points in order to receive a trophy?

Yes. Through the week of September 25, 2006, everyone needs to earn the grade level point requirement. After that, we prorate the points you need to earn.

	Week of	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	
30	8/28/2006	40	50	60	70	
29	*9/4/2006	40	50	60	70	
28	9/11/2006	40	50	60	70	
27	9/18/2006	40	50	60	70	
26	9/25/2006	40	50	60	70	
25	10/2/2006	39	48	58	68	
24	*10/9/2006	37	47	56	65	
23	10/16/2006	36	45	54	62	
22	10/23/2006	33	41	49	57	
	10/30/2006	31	39	47	55	
21	*11/6/2006	31	39	47	55	
20	11/13/2006	30	37	45	52	
19	11/27/2006	28	35	42	49	
18	12/4/2006	27	33	40	47	
17	12/11/2006	25	32	38	44	
16	1/8/2006	24	30	36	42	
15	*1/15/2006	22	28	33	39	
14	1/22/2006	21	26	31	36	
13	1/29/2006	19	24	29	34	
12	2/5/2006	18	22	27	31	
11	2/12/2006	16	20	25	29	
10	*2/19/2006	15	19	22	26	
9	2/26/2006	13	17	20	23	
8	3/5/2006	12	15	18	21	
7	3/19/2007	12	15	18	21	
6	3/26/2007	12	15	18	21	
5	4/2/2007	12	15	18	21	
4	4/9/2007	12	15	18	21	
3	4/16/2007	12	15	18	21	
2	4/23/2007	12	15	18	21	
1	4/30/2007	End				

Students who enter on with only three days during their first week of school will be responsible for the goal posted for the following week.

If a student is leaving and would like a report, please give the Library a few days notice.