



ACCELERATED READER

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, Slocomb Elementary School uses the computerized reading management software program, Accelerated Reader (AR). *AR strives to improve reading comprehension while motivating students to read.*

Your child's independent AR reading level is based on their grade level and teacher observation. For example, if your child is in second grade, their reading level would start at 2.0 and up.

Students may check out AR books from the library, and teachers keep an abundant assortment of AR books in their classrooms. After reading the book, the student then takes a computer AR test on the book. The student accumulates points based on the book's level and the number of questions answered correctly.

Students must maintain an overall average of *85% correct* for their quizzes. **Points alone do not earn rewards.**

The following pages provide valuable information for you about the AR program, what your child needs to achieve, and the many incentives for students who reach their goals. We want *AR and reading to be fun and exciting* for the students, but we also want *to challenge them to reach their full potential.*

If you have any questions, please call the school at 334-886-2132.



Students' AR username and AR password

Student's username: **Firstname Lastname** (First name – one space – Last name)

Student's password: **lunch number**

Renaissance (Accelerated Reader) Home Connect

Renaissance **Home Connect** is a tool that connects the school and home to keep parents informed of their child's progress toward Accelerated Reader.

You can view your child's daily progress in Accelerated Reading at any time simply by accessing **Home Connect** from any computer with Internet access. Parents and guardians can share the joy of learning with their children by seeing how they're doing and helping them locate new books. Listed below are the student features of **Home Connect**:

- View goals, results of the last quiz taken and overall progress
- Find books that have Accelerated Reader quizzes
- View My Bookshelf which shows the books on which quizzes have been taken

You may specify email addresses of parents, guardians, or relatives to receive updates of student progress via email. The recipient must accept the invitation for the notifications to begin. Emails will be sent automatically by the program and will contain results of any Accelerated Reader quizzes your child completes.

To log in to Home Connect:

Web site: <http://Hosted106.relearn.com/1218960/HomeConnect>

You can access Home Connect by clicking on the link located on our school's website at <http://slocobes.genevacountyschools.com/> . If you have questions about Home Connect, please send an email to justicedm@genevacoboe.org.

You can access an online search tool, **AR BookFinder**, to search for books using various criteria, including author, subject, or reading level. You can also find a link to **AR BookFinder** under the Library section on our school website.

Student's Reading / Book Level

Each student will read and test on books that are on his/her grade level.

All students should know their Reading Range. Teachers will inform students of their reading range and will guide students in choosing books on which to read and test.

Any AR tests taken that are below the student's grade level will not count toward the student's AR average or points' goal.

Misuse of AR Computer Program

There have been times when students attempt to take an Accelerated Reader test prior to, OR without reading a book. This is misuse of the reading program and does not benefit the student's average or the school-wide average. Therefore, any student who is not showing conscious effort in reading and testing, and fails AR quizzes on a repeated basis (EX: 5 or more during a nine weeks) may be blocked from taking quizzes for a period of time.

Cheating and AR

Any students found to be cheating on AR quizzes, or aiding others with cheating on AR quizzes will be excluded from Accelerated Reader rewards. All suspected incidences of cheating will be examined thoroughly and referred to the principal.

Library

Students will be allowed to check out one book at a time. Students will be allowed to exchange their library book throughout the day and most teachers have AR books for them to read in the classroom. Parents will not be allowed to check out books for their child in the school library. I encourage you to use the public library.

AR Grade Level Goals

Students who meet their points and average percent correct (**85%**) goals will be eligible to participate in the AR parties each nine weeks.

	1 st Nine Weeks	2 nd Nine Weeks	3 rd Nine Weeks	4 th Nine Weeks	Yearly
Kindergarten			3	5	8
1 st Grade	6	10	12	12	40
2 nd Grade	12	15	15	15	57
3 rd Grade	18	18	18	18	72
4 th Grade	21	21	21	21	84

5 th Grade	24	24	24	24	96
SCHEDULE	Aug. 14 Oct. 6	Oct. 9 Dec. 15	Dec.18 Feb. 28	Mar. 1 May 4	

There will be incentives and rewards for students who meet their points and percentage goals.

“Redtop Ready Readers”

Students’ names will be displayed in the front hallway as they reach specific school-wide points goals and maintain an overall average of 85%.

Special Recognition

Students’ names will be in the “Smoke Signals” newsletter
(It is possible that SPECIFIC EVENTS could CHANGE due to scheduling, availability, etc.)

1st Nine Weeks, 2nd Nine Weeks, 3rd Nine Weeks, 4th Nine Weeks

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Certification Goal

Students will receive special recognition and a reading medallion during Awards Day at the end of the school year.

AR Reader Certification Level Goals

Super Reader	Read <u>independently</u> and pass 3 AR books, 2.0 level or higher, 1 point or more each, <u>AND</u> meet the 1st grade Yearly goal of <i>40 total points with 85% or above overall average.</i>	1st Grade
Advanced Reader	Read <u>independently</u> and pass 3 AR books, 3.0 level or higher, 2 points or more each, <u>AND</u> meet the 2nd grade Yearly goal of <i>57 total points with 85% or above overall average.</i>	2nd Grade

<p>Star Reader</p>	<p>Read <u>independently</u> and pass 3 AR books, 4.0 level or higher, 4 points or more each, <u>AND</u> meet the 3rd grade Yearly goal of <i>72 total points with 85% or above overall average.</i></p>	<p>3rd Grade</p>
<p>Star Reader Advanced</p>	<p>Read <u>independently</u> and pass 3 AR books, 5.0 level or higher, 5 points or more each, <u>AND</u> meet the 4th grade Yearly goal of <i>84 total points with 85% or above overall average.</i></p>	<p>4th Grade</p>
<p>Classic Reader</p>	<p>Read <u>independently</u> and pass 3 AR books, 6.0 level or higher, 7 points or more each, <u>AND</u> meet the 5th grade Yearly goal of <i>96 total points with 85% or above overall average.</i></p>	<p>5th Grade</p>

Students must read these books independently.

% requirement for test to count:

- 60% on 5-10 questions quizzes- 70% on 20 question quizzes

Super Redtop Reader- Students who have met their challenge goal, have 100 points, and a 90 % or above overall average (**THIS AVERAGE CANNOT BE ROUNDED**) will receive special recognition and a medallion on Awards Day.

*****REMEMBER*** STUDENTS MUST HAVE ALL THE GOAL POINTS FOR EACH NINE WEEKS. POINTS DO NOT ROUND. IF THE STUDENT’S AVERAGE IS 84.5, IT WILL ROUND FOR THAT NINE WEEKS.**