

AR Guidelines

Every student has a nine-week goal. This is determined by their reading range and how many minutes they are given to read at school each day. We do expect students to also read 20 or more minutes at home each day. That will expedite them reaching their goal. The number of points will not be difficult to make, but the most important thing is the **percentage correct**. The goal is 85% correct overall. To achieve 85% students probably do not need to try to test every single day. Instead, they will need to read slowly with good comprehension.

You can keep up with your child's progress toward their goal by logging in to Renaissance Home Connect. <https://hosted300.renlearn.com/927393/HomeConnect>. Their user name is usually first initial followed by first four letters of last name. Password is their lunch number. This is the same information students use to log in to AR at school. A letter explaining how to do that was sent home earlier with signed papers. Once you log in, you can select to have emails sent each time your child takes a test.

Kindergarten through 2nd Grades will receive dog tags while 3rd through 5th grades will receive buttons. They could earn 3 dog tags/buttons per nine weeks. They earn a dog tag/button when they make 33%, 66% and then 100% of their goal while maintaining 85% correct. Also, at the end of each nine weeks, students who made their goal while maintaining 85% correct will attend either a snow cone or popcorn party. I will have a snow cone party after the first nine weeks and a popcorn party after the second nine weeks.

In the commons area, we have an AR Wall of Fame. When a student makes their nine week goal the first time, an eagle with their name on it will be placed on the wall. Their picture will be added when they make it a second time, a silver star will added the third time, and a gold star will be added the fourth time they make their goal.

At the end of the year on Awards Day students can receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal if they make their goal while maintaining 85% correct. Students will receive a gold medal if they made their goal all four nine weeks. Students who make their goal three of the four nine weeks will receive a silver medal. Students who make their goal two of the four nine weeks will receive a bronze medal.

Our desire is for students to read with good comprehension. Reading is not a race. Books are meant to be savored and enjoyed. When students slow down and read, the percent correct will improve.