

St. Alphonsus School

Accelerated Reader Requirements

2021 - 2022

Students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> must participate in the Accelerated Reader (AR) program. St. Alphonsus School has access to all quizzes in the Accelerated Reader database. Books are available from the school library, the student's classroom library, from the public library, or from their home library. The goal of the AR program is to foster a love of reading while progressing reading and comprehension skills. Below are the guidelines that all students must abide by for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

- There will be **NO** at home testing for the 2021 – 2022 school year.
- Each nine weeks students will take a STAR Reading test. The test is taken at school and usually takes 15 – 20 minutes to complete. The test will give the student a Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD, or book level), this is the level that your child reads.
- Students will pick a book based on their ZPD with guidance from their reading teacher and/or Mrs. Amy Nicosia in the library. The library has a color-coded labeling system that can help the students pick a book based on their reading level (ZPD). It is imperative that your child stays **within** his/her reading level. The program is designed to help them excel by reading within their level.
- Each nine weeks students are expected to meet a point goal. Goals are as follows:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
    - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks: 3 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks: 5 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
    - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks: 5 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks: 6 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks: 6 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks: 7 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks: 7 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks: 9 points
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks: 10 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks: 12 points
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks: 12 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks: 14 points
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks: 14 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks: 15 point

- Middle School students are expected to keep a reading log of the book(s) that they are currently reading. **They may not take a test on a book that has not been approved by Mrs. Spencer or Mrs. Amy Nicosia. If a student does take a test on a book that was not approved the test will not count towards their required points.**
  - Summer Reading books are counted as a separate grade and will not count towards their first nine weeks goal.
  - Middle School students must have their score verified by Mrs. Amy Nicosia, Ms. Spencer, Mrs. Tammy, or Mrs. Ashworth **before** exiting the program. If a student does not have his or her score verified the test may not be counted.
  - Middle School students will be able to take **ONE** article quiz per nine weeks if they are in need of only one point to meet the required nine weeks goal. Any other article tests will not be counted and will be deleted from the student's record. **Any extra points accrued during a nine weeks period do not roll over to the next nine week period.**
- At the end of each nine weeks the student in each homeroom with the most points earned will receive a reading gift bag curated by Mrs. Amy Nicosia. Students that have doubled their required AR points will receive a free dress coupon. Students that triple their points will receive a free dress coupon and a candy of their choice.
- If you have any questions about this program or the guidelines please contact your student's Reading teacher or Mrs. Amy Nicosia at [anicosia2@stalphonusbr.org](mailto:anicosia2@stalphonusbr.org)

Please sign and return stating that you have read and understand these guidelines:

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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