

St. Alphonsus School

Accelerated Reader Requirements

2025 – 2026

Students in grades 2nd – 5th 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, the public library, or their home library. The goal of the AR program is to foster a love of reading while improving reading and comprehension skills. Below are the guidelines that all students must abide by for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

- Each nine weeks students will take a STAR Reading test, which 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.
- 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 to help students pick a book based on their reading level (ZPD). Your child must stay **within** his/her reading level while reaching their nine-week goal. The program is designed to help them excel by reading within their level.
- Summer Reading books are counted as a **separate** grade and will not count towards their first nine weeks goal.

Each nine weeks students are expected to meet a point goal. Goals are as follows:

- 2nd Grade
 - 1st Nine Weeks: 3 points
 - 2nd Nine Weeks: 4 points
 - 3rd Nine Weeks: 5 points
 - 4th Nine Weeks: 6 points
- 3rd Grade
 - 1st Nine Weeks: 6 points
 - 2nd Nine Weeks: 7 points
 - 3rd Nine Weeks: 8 points
 - 4th Nine Weeks: 9 points
- 4th Grade
 - 1st Nine Weeks: 9 points
 - 2nd Nine Weeks: 10 points
 - 3rd Nine Weeks: 11 points
 - 4th Nine Weeks: 12 points
- 5th Grade
 - 1st Nine Weeks: 12 points
 - 2nd Nine Weeks: 13 points
 - 3rd Nine Weeks: 14 points
 - 4th Nine Weeks: 15 points

At the end of each nine weeks students who meet or exceed their goal will be given the following incentives:

- Students who meet their point goal will receive a certificate
- Students who double their point goal will receive a free dress coupon
- Students who triple their point goal will receive a free dress coupon and candy of their choice
- The top student in each homeroom will receive a gift pack curated by the librarian
- Students who exceed Mrs. Amy's AR points for the nine weeks will receive an additional prize

If you have any questions about this program or the guidelines, please contact your student's Reading teacher or Mrs. Amy Nicosia at anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org

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

Student's Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

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Homeroom: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature
