

Jenkins Middle School Accelerated Reader Program

Beginning this year, JMS will be using Accelerated Reader, a reading program that offers so much more than Reading Counts. Information is available on our school website, <http://jmseagles.org>. Here are some highlights:

- AR is web-based. This means your student can access it from ANY school computer.
- AR offers parent accounts so parents can easily monitor student progress. Visit our school website, <http://jmseagles.org>, click on the AR link, click the parent sign-in and then request a parent account.
- AR offers Home Connect, an online access to student records and book information. Students log in with the same username and password they use for the AR testing page. Parents can log in too using their child's account information
- AR offers 5, 10, or 20 questions per test, based on the length of the book.
- Students may only take each test once. However, a passing score is 60%.
- Students will earn a percentage of the points for scores less than 100%. If a student earns 80% on a book worth 10 points, the student will earn 8 of the 10 points. Any score less than 50% will not earn points for the student. (Students scoring less than 80% may be reading books that are too difficult or may not be reading the entire book. Parents and teachers can use <http://arbookfind.com> to help students select books that are perfect for each student.
- AR uses logical quiz construction and presentation. Quiz questions focus on important story elements so that students who have actually read a book at an appropriate level should be able to pass the quiz.
- AR doesn't use lexiles, but does have a comparison called AROS 2000. Students can use their SRI test score to help them determine which books are on their level.

Rules and Procedures

- Students are required to earn 25 points for each nine weeks, for a total of 100 points by the end of the year.
- Points can be carried over from a previous grading period. If a student earns more than the required 25 points, extra points will count towards the next nine weeks.
- Students will use a reading log to record book names, quiz numbers, dates, and pages read. Forms MUST be signed by a Language Arts teacher, a reading teacher (for books read in class) and a parent before an AR test can be taken. Students may ONLY take tests that are recorded on their reading logs.
- Tests may only be taken once. Students must not attempt a test unless they have finished a book.
- Students may take AR tests on books from the Summer Reading Project book list WITHOUT a reading log, but all tests must be taken by September 2, 2011. Any test taken after this date MUST be documented on the student's reading log. With exception of the Summer Reading Project booklist, ALL books must be on a student's reading log in order for points to count.
- Students may not take tests for other students, help another student with a test, share answers, or take tests on books they have not recently read. Any student breaking these rules will be ineligible for AR reading awards and events and will forfeit points on the tests in question. Students may also receive discipline referrals for these actions.

Receipt of Accelerated Reading Program Information, Rules and Procedures

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a letter that explains the AR program and its rules and procedures. I agree to abide by these rules and share this letter with my parent or guardian. I also understand that if I do not follow these rules, I will lose AR points and may receive a discipline referral.

Student Signature

My child has shared the AR program information, rules and procedures with me, and I am aware of these procedures, rules and consequences for students who do not follow these rules.

Parent Signature