

Dear Parents:

I'm excited to announce that Tuesday, September 5, Cedarwood School will kick off our **Accelerated Reader** Program for **2nd–7th grade** for the 2017-2018 school year.

Kindergarten and 1st grade students will start when they are independent readers and their teachers determine that they are ready. This is usually by mid-year.

AR is a program in which students read books on their reading level at their own pace, take computerized quizzes on their comprehension, earn points for correct answers, and receive prizes in library class at the end of each nine-week period. Books may be chosen from the classroom, school library, public library, book store, or home library. Books are color coded to assist students in the library. Please refer to www.arbookfind.com to determine other books' reading levels and point values. Quizzes may be taken in the classroom or library during school hours. Our AR Enterprise subscription gives us access to over 200,000 quizzes! The program is not mandatory or graded but highly encouraged.

You can help your child by encouraging him or her to read at home, creating a culture of reading in your household by reading to and/or with your child, starting a home library, visiting your local public library or bookstore, modeling reading, and discussing books that each of you has read.

You may also follow your child's progress by logging in to **Renaissance Home Connect** at <https://hosted326.renlearn.com/209167/HomeConnect>. Use your child's User Name (child's first initial and first four letters of last name) and Password (child's first and last initial). You may even request an e-mail be sent to you with AR quiz results.

Students have set individual, classroom, and school goals for this year's AR program. A special schoolwide celebration will be held at the end of the year to celebrate our success upon meeting our goal.

I'm looking forward to a great year with Accelerated Reader which will help build a lifelong love of reading in your children. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at dvehnekamp@cedarwoodschoool.com.

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