

Dear Parents:



I'm excited to announce that Tuesday, September 4, Cedarwood School will kick off our **Accelerated Reader** Program for **1st–7th grade** for the 2018-2019 school year. **Kindergarten** students will start when they are independent readers and their teacher determines 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 comprehension quizzes, 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 labeled and 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 class during school hours. Our AR 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 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@cedarwoodschool.com.

Debbie Vehnekamp, Librarian

Accelerated Reader Rewards 2018-2019

1st and 2nd Grade*

3 points	Pencil and Eraser
6 points	Ice Cream at Recess
10 points	Snack at Recess
20 points	Pick from Treasure Box
35 points	No Uniform Pass
50 points	Stuffed Animal
70 points	AR Bracelet
85 points	Paperback Book
100 points	Lunch Bunch
125 points	Pick a Prize (for each additional 25 points)

3rd and 4th Grade*

6 points	Pencil and Eraser
12 points	Ice Cream at Recess
20 points	Snack at Recess
40 points	Pick from Treasure Box
60 points	No Uniform Pass
80 points	Stuffed Animal
100 points	AR Bracelet
130 points	Poster
175 points	Paperback Book
225 points	Lunch Bunch
275 points	Pick a Prize (for each additional 50 points)

5th, 6th, and 7th Grade*

10 points	Bookmark
25 points	Ice Cream at Recess
40 points	Snack at Recess
55 points	Pick from Treasure Box
70 points	No Uniform Pass
90 points	Stuffed Animal
120 points	AR Bracelet
150 points	Poster
200 points	Paperback Book
250 points	Lunch Bunch
350 points	Pick a Prize (for each 100 additional points)

*These rewards are presented to students on an individual basis each 9 weeks in Library classes. Rewards are also given by the librarian and teachers on a classroom level. Schoolwide rewards are presented at the AR Celebration at the end of the school year.

Debbie Vehnekamp, Librarian, 9/2018