

# ROSEMONT FOREST ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM 2008-2009

ROSEMONT FOREST ES ACCELERATED READER SCHEDULE FOR 2008-2009		ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM Recognition Program			
		The following is a list of AR recognition levels for different grade levels.			
<i><b>Period</b></i>	<i><b>Dates</b></i>	GRADE	BOOK BLASTERS	READING ROCKETS	SUPER STARS
October	Oct. 1-Oct. 31, 2008	K	1-2 points	3-6 points	7 & up
November-December	Nov. 3-Dec 19, 2008	1 <sup>st</sup>	1-3 points	4-7 points	8 & up
January	Jan. 5-Jan. 30, 2009	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-4 points	5-8 points	9 & up
February	Feb. 2-Feb. 27, 2009	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-7 points	8-12 points	13 & up
March	Mar. 2-Mar. 31, 2009	4 <sup>th</sup>	9-14 points	15-21 points	22 & up
Spring	Apr. 1-May 15, 2009	5 <sup>th</sup>	10-15 points	16-23 points	24 & up

## A BASIC OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Accelerated Reader (AR) program! You or your child may have several questions regarding this beneficial program. It is designed to promote reading and comprehension using our library and computer resources. Following are the answers to a few of the most common questions.

QUESTION: How will the Accelerated Reader program benefit our students?

ANSWER: Not only does this exciting program encourage students to read more and to read a greater variety of books, but studies have also shown that the program greatly improves test scores and helps develop higher order thinking skills. For example, at one school in Virginia Beach, reading comprehension scores went up 7 points after they had used the AR program for one year.

QUESTION: How does the Accelerated Reader program work?

ANSWER: Students select books from the list of over **2500 AR titles**. After reading the **complete, not a shortened version of a book**, the student takes a quiz of 5-20 questions on a computer in the classroom, or in the library. Depending on the difficulty of the book and the success with which the student answers the questions, the student receives from ½ - 44 points. Each period top students will be honored with special parties and other recognition! There is also a Wall of Fame Plaque hanging in the lobby which bears the names of students who earn over 300 AR points in one school year.

QUESTION: How can I help my child benefit fully from this exciting program?

ANSWER: **Explain the one time rule.** Remind your child that he or she must carefully read the complete version of each book since he or she will only be allowed to take the test on a certain book **ONE TIME**. This also means if a student read a book and took an AR test during a previous school year, that student will not be able to retake that AR test this year.

Help your child learn his or her password, and emphasize the importance of keeping the password secret. This year the student's password will be his or her lunch number.

Encourage your child to select AR books appropriate for his or her reading level, rather than selecting books that are worth more points but are too difficult. Students will be motivated to read more when they do well on the quizzes.

AR tests are multiple choice. For students who are taking an AR question for the first time, parents could help them by practicing certain types of questions, such as negative questions and fill in the blank. Negative questions ask for the answer that does not fit, (i.e. All of these animals are good swimmers except \_\_\_\_\_) Some questions have blanks in the middle (i.e. Junie went to \_\_\_\_\_ after she left school).

In our library, the AR books are labels with colored stickers that indicate the reading level of the book. Color keys are posted throughout the library. Students may, of course, get books from the public library or other sources, as long as the unabridged version by the correct author is selected. Remember, our program does not include all the AR books listed at the public library.

QUESTION: Where can I see a list of AR books?

ANSWER: In our school library, or on our PTA's website at <http://www.rofopta.org/>.

QUESTION: Does our school library have all the titles on the list at the present time?

ANSWER: Occasionally AR books are damaged or lost. We try to replace the books quickly if they are still available for purchase, and thanks to our PTA we acquire new AR quizzes every year.

QUESTION: Is there any other way I can help?

ANSWER: Volunteers are needed for numerous jobs such as monitoring AR testing and assisting with parties. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Imrich or Mrs. Lotz at 648-3660 or stop by the library.

Your child's teacher or the library staff can answer any additional questions you may have. With your support, we know the Accelerated Reader program will reach new heights here at Rosemont Forest and will greatly benefit our students!

