



# Accelerated Reader™ at SVdP

**What is Accelerated Reader?** Accelerated Reader (also referred to as AR by students and teachers) is a computer-based reading program used in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> that allows teachers to monitor students' independent reading practice. Your child picks a book based on his or her own reading level and interests. After reading the book at his or her own pace, your child will take a short quiz on the computer. These quizzes can be taken in your child's classroom, the SVdP Library, or the SVdP Computer Lab. Quizzes may not be taken at home.

**How does SVdP use AR?** The score your child receives on the quiz will indicate his or her level of understanding. These scores are used by teachers to monitor growth in your child's reading level as well as by your child to select appropriate free read books. It is also used to ensure that students are practicing independent reading outside of the classroom by setting point goals for students to work towards throughout the year.

**How are AR point goals set?** AR point goals are assigned to students at the start of each trimester. The goal your child receives is unique to him or her and is calculated based on his or her score from the STAR Reading test administered at the start of the school year. Your child's goal is roughly the amount of points he or she should earn by reading a book on their reading level for 20 minutes a day.

**How is my student's AR progress monitored?** Every classroom teacher incorporates the AR program differently. However, all students will track their progress in a log during their weekly Library class. Depending on your child's grade, these logs will be reviewed on a monthly or trimester basis. Students in grades 5-8 will have the added challenge of using the Bingo Card pictured below to earn bonus points towards their AR goal.

<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>O</b>
Read a book by a Colorado Author	Read a book recommended by Mrs. Edmonds	Read a book from the <i>Historical Fiction</i> genre	Read a book written by an author from another country	Read a book that has won a literary award
Read a book written in Verse	Read a memoir	Read your friend's favorite book	Read a book from a genre you've never read before	Read a book that takes place in a city or country where you've never been
Read a book that you started at one point but stopped in the middle	Read a book that takes place during World War II	Reader's Choice! Read any type of book	Read a book with a blue cover	Read a nonfiction book
Read a "classic"	Read an author's debut novel	Read a book from the display shelf in the library	Read a book that was published within the last 12 months	Read a graphic novel
Read a biography	Read the first book in a series you've never read	Read a book with a one-word title	Read a book that has been made into a movie	Read a book with a number in the title

**How can I help my student find success in the AR program?** You can receive email updates and track your child's progress by using [AR's Home Connect](#) portal. Parents log into Home Connect by using their child's AR username and password. You can find the Home Connect URL at the bottom of this page. You can also help your child by inquiring about the books they choose to read. Ask why they chose a book, what they like or dislike about the book, what they're doing to work towards their AR goal, and, of course, encourage your child to read at home. If your child has questions about a book's AR point value or book level, you can visit the [AR Book's Finder](#) page to search books by title or author. The URL for this tool is available at the bottom of this page.

**How does SVdP reward student success in the AR program?** This year, SVdP has adjusted the AR reward system in an effort to make a variety of rewards obtainable for all students. Students will now have a chance to exchange their points at the end of every trimester. The first point exchange for the 2018-2019 school year will occur at the end of the second trimester. If students surpass their AR goal, they can use their surplus points at the exchange in increments of 10 to purchase certificates for a homework pass, lunch in the library, recess in the computer lab, unlimited library checkouts, special dress down days, etc. Students can also exchange their surplus points in increments of 5 to select a mini prize such as a pencil, a bookmark, or a small toy. Prizes will vary each trimester.

Every student who sets and meets his or her goal for a trimester will receive a coupon for a special treat at lunch. Students who met their goal for the first trimester will receive a coupon for ice cream at lunch on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note that only 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students set goals for the first trimester, but all students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will have goals to work towards in the second and third trimester.

Students will also have the opportunity to become members of the esteemed "100 Point Club", "200 Point Club" and "300 Point Club" throughout the school year. The members of this special honor roll will be listed at the end of every trimester on a poster in the library. Membership into these clubs are based on the points a student accumulates throughout the entire school year. Students' names will be added to the list as their gain membership, and at the end of each trimester, the names of the members of each club will be shared during morning announcements.

**Who can I contact if I have questions about AR?** If you have questions about your child's STAR Reading score or their current reading level, please contact your child's classroom teacher. Questions about logging your child's reading or finding appropriate AR books for your child can be directed to Mrs. Edmonds at [bedmonds@svdpk8.com](mailto:bedmonds@svdpk8.com). If you or your child is having issues logging into AR or AR Home Connect, contact Mrs. Bancroft at [jbancroft@svdpk8.com](mailto:jbancroft@svdpk8.com).

#### **Helpful Links:**

AR Home Connect: <https://hosted32.renlearn.com/245300/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>

AR Book Finder: <http://www.arbookfind.com/>

SVdP Library Online Catalog: <https://svdpk8.follettdestiny.com>