Accelerated Reader FAQ's for Parents

1.) **What is Accelerated Reader?** Accelerated Reader is a reading program in which students take computer-generated comprehension quizzes over the books that they read independently. Students are assigned a reading level to help them select books for independent reading and a point goal per grading period and they accumulate points for the quizzes that they take and pass.

2.) **How do I find out my child's assigned reading level and point goal?** You can log on to AR Home Connect to view your child's assigned reading level (usually a range) and assigned point goal, the books that they've read and quizzed on and also their progress toward their point goal. To log in to AR Home Connect, you use your child's AR log-in.

3.) **How are a book's points determined?** The number of points that a book is worth is determined by the book's difficulty and length. A book that has more words provides more reading practice time and is worth more points to your child.

4.) **How is a book's reading level determined?** Accelerated Reader uses its own proprietary readability test to determine the difficulty of a text. This test rates all of the text in a given book, not just sample passages. **Keep in mind that the reading level does NOT indicate *quality* or *appropriateness of content* of a given book, only the readability.**

5.) **Where can my child find AR books?** All of our school libraries are stocked with books that have AR quizzes, so that is a great place to start looking. The AR books

in the school libraries are marked with a reading level and point value to help your child make a selection appropriate for his/her reading level.

6.) **Can my child read a book from the public library or a bookstore for AR points?** Your child should first check to see if that book is an AR book by logging into the website AR Bookfind. Your child should also have that selection approved by his or her English, Literature or Reading teacher before reading for points.

7.) **Can my child re-take a quiz that he/she failed?** No, students can only take a quiz over a book they've read one time.

8.) **Can my child take quizzes at home?** No, quizzes can only be taken on school computers.

9.) **Can my child use the book while he/she is taking the quiz?** Generally speaking, students may not use the book as a reference while they are taking the quiz.