

Reading Counts!

September

Dear Parent:

It is important that your child read at home as well as at school. The more they read the more practice they have, the better reader they become. For this reason part of their homework each night Monday - Thursday is to read for fifteen minutes. (They may read other nights also!)

This year in my fourth grade class we will be keeping track of the books read using the computer based program Accelerated Reader (AR). I know that most of you are familiar with this program from last year.

For the month of September to get us going everyone's goal will be 5 points. As the year progresses I will set individual point goals for your child for each month. I will notify both your child and you when their monthly goal changes.

There are over 100,000 titles that have quizzes; almost any book they read will have an available quiz. Students may pick books from the classroom, the library or even home to read. If they have trouble finding a quiz for a book on AR they should try to locate it using the author's name, and then see me if they still can't find it.

After reading any book students should take the short 10 question quiz on the computer for the book. They are awarded points based on the difficulty and length of the book, along with how many questions they have answered correctly. The Accelerated Reader Program will be helpful in that students, as well as we, will be able to monitor their independent reading comprehension.

I will send a report home at the end of each month so you can see if they met their expectation for the month. Anytime your child earns a 100% on a quiz we will print that out and send it home in their weekly folder. You may also go online and check their scores yourself. Go to our class webpage and click on the AR link. Ask your child for the username and password they use to log on. Log on as a student, then click view report. (ATOS BL on the report means the book's reading level according to the AR program.) This will show you a report of all the books they have read as well as how they did on those quizzes.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Matson

