

Summer Reading Project

June

Dear fourth grade families,

We are excited to explain our summer reading expectations for this year. Instead of assigning a specific book that every child has to read we would like to have the students pick out their own books to read. These books can be books from home, the public library, or even borrowed books from friends.

The students are familiar with the computer-based program called Accelerated Reader (AR) from their third grade classrooms. After reading a book the student should go to the web site and take the short 5-10 question quiz on the computer for the book. Points are awarded based on the difficulty and length of the book, along with how many questions the student answers correctly. The ATOS BL listed for each book means the book's reading level according to the AR program. Books read at a student's reading level will earn them more points than easier books.

It is expected that each child will read enough books of their choice to **earn at least 6 points in the Accelerated Reading program during the summer.** *Don't stop if you reach 6 points.* It will be fun to see how many extra points some children can earn!

The AR program can be reached at www.ikeepbookmarks.com from home. At the ikeepbookmarks site use the login of cacsd and no password. On the bottom of the ikeepbookmarks page there is a link for Accelerated Reader. You could then put the site into your Favorite List to make it easier for your child to use. The public library down street, the Herrmance Library, also has computers that the children may use to take these quizzes.

Happy reading!

Mrs. Durant

Mrs. Matson

Mrs. Miller

PS. If you are unable to use our AR program this summer you may write three Critic Reports instead. For each write 3 paragraphs summarizing the story plot's beginning, middle and end. Add a last paragraph describing how you felt about the book and why. Be sure to mention any visualizing, connecting, concluding and questions you may still have in this last paragraph. In each paragraph be sure to include story details as you learned in third grade.