

Dear Parents,

This week our second graders will begin the Accelerated Reader Program. This is a Reading program offered through the library that each 2<sup>nd</sup> grader participates in. Your child was given a test to determine what level of books he/she should be reading. This level is called the ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development). The ZPD is noted at the top of the Accelerated Reading Log, which is kept in your child's STAFF. When your child chooses an A.R. book from home (make sure it is on the list of A. R. books), the school or classroom library, it should be within his/her ZPD. Your child then reads the book- either silently or with you. It can be read as many times as you like. When your child feels he/she could answer some comprehension questions about the book, he/she is ready to take an Accelerated Reader test.

After reading the book, your child should ask you to help them fill out their AR log. You or your child may write the information at the beginning of the year. We expect the students to be able to write in their AR log before going to third grade. **Everything to the left of the bold black line on the AR log needs to be filled in before students are able to go to the mini-lab to take a quiz.** Please fill in the date the book was read, the test/book number located inside the book, the full title, author's last name, and the book level also located inside the book. **This should be completed at home the night before a test.** The next day your child will take a test and the score will be noted on his/her log.

For each test your child passes, he/she earns a certain number of points toward a set goal. Each quarter, every student is given a goal to reach based on his/her ZPD. The first quarter will be for practice, but please encourage your child to make his/her goal. The goal that your child needs to reach by the end of the second quarter will be noted in the top right corner of his/her log.

You may print out the list of A.R. books available in our school library from [www.stalbert.org](http://www.stalbert.org). Click on "School," "Library Media Center," "Find AR books" to search for AR books. Or click this:

[http://www.quizlist.net/\(S\(5xaxi555r4d1aq45d4fpqzia\)\)/search.aspx?id=6216](http://www.quizlist.net/(S(5xaxi555r4d1aq45d4fpqzia))/search.aspx?id=6216)

The second grade teachers will include Accelerated Reader as a part of your child's reading grade each quarter. This grade will be determined by what percentage of his/her goal that he/she meets. If the goal is reached, the grade for that quarter will be 100%. If 80% of the goal is reached, the grade will be 80% and so on. This grade will be averaged in with all other reading grades for that quarter.

Accelerated Reader is a fun program that challenges each student. The students are very excited about it. Please encourage your child to put forth his/her best effort with this program! In the past, students making his/her AR goal all four quarters were recognized with a special treat!

We appreciate all you do at home to encourage a love for reading.

Mrs. Finley and Mrs. French