Accelerated Reader:
A Guide for Parents

The Importance of Reading

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is a program designed to:

1) Find books that are the right level for the child;
2) Encourage the child to read more;
3) Improve the child's reading ability.

Accelerated Reader

Two parts to the program

Introduction to the Program

Accelerated Reader™ Advantage

STAR Reading

A computer-adaptive reading test used to assess pupils' reading ability and to determine their recommended reading levels for Accelerated Reader. Measures growth over time.
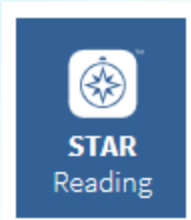
Accelerated Reader

A database of a quizzes to test comprehension of books read. Provides instant feedback and monitoring.

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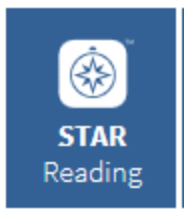Advanced Technology for Data-Driven Schools

Star Reading

The **Star Test**, completed at a minimum of twice per year, is a computer-based test that measures a student's reading ability through a series of 34 questions.

Every test for every student is different, and the computer selects different questions for each student dependent on how well they answer the previous questions. Essentially, the computer adapts the test to suit your child.

How STAR tests work

1) The student <u>must take their time.</u> It is recommended that each child should spend **<u>at least</u>** *20 minutes* on their tests.

2) Students should not guess answers to questions. This is to ensure the computer is not given a false impression of the student's reading ability.

3) Tests are done independently.

Picture 1

Fill-in-the-blank questions have a sentence with a word missing. There will also be a list of three or four words that could fit in the blank. Your job is to choose the word that best completes the sentence.

The sky is _____.

1 blue

2 dog

3 down

Web browser

Short-answer questions have a text passage at the top, followed by a question about the passage. There will be a list of three or four possible answers. Your job is to choose the best answer to the question.

Leslie curled up in a chair on the porch. She closed her eyes and tuned into her surroundings. She smiled at the familiar sounds of her neighbour rustling his newspaper and the floorboards creaking beneath his rocker. She laughed as the neighbourhood boys raced by on their bicycles. The rat-a-tat-tat of the cards pinned to the spokes of their wheels added a beat to the music of the street.

How does the author's use of sensory detail affect the story?

1 The sounds help the reader imagine the neighbourhood.

2 The music is too loud and bothers Leslie.

3 The creaking noises give it a mysterious mood.

ZPD score
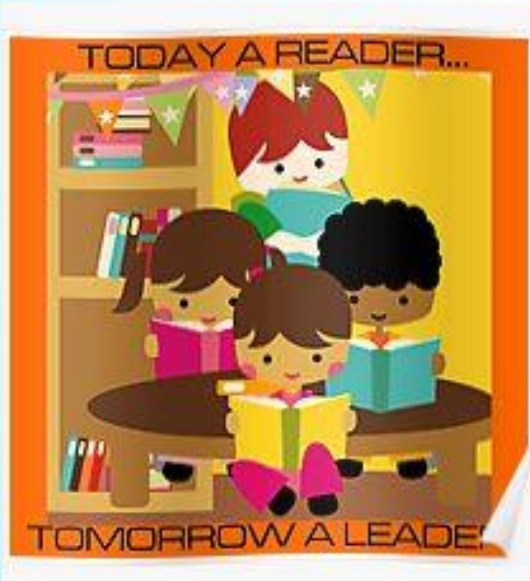## (Zone of Proximal Development)

3.2 – 4.6

Lowest number

Highest number

After each Star Reading test, children are given a ZPD range, which is two numbers that the pupil uses to choose their next reading book.

The lowest number is the lowest level of book the pupil should be choosing.

The highest number is the highest level of book the pupil should be choosing.

A new STAR test takes place every half term, so students can see improvements in their reading ability, but also choose more challenging books.
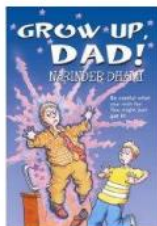
Accelerated Reader Books

AR Books and ZPD

AR Books – Each quizzed book has a book level which represents the difficulty of text

ZPD – An individual range of book levels recommended for each pupil's reading ability
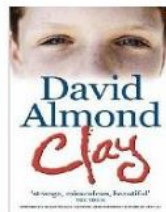
Too Easy	ZPD: Just Right				Too Hard
2.8	**3.2**	**3.8**	**4.4**	**5.0**	**5.4**

Accelerated Reader Quizzes

There are usually about *5-10 multiple choice questions* on the book. A passing rate of 70% or higher is needed to earn points.

Points are based on how well the students does on their reading comprehension quiz.

Here are some important rules for taking quizzes:

1) The quiz should take place within 24 hours of finishing the book, if possible.

2) A student cannot take a quiz until they have read the entire text.

3) Quizzes must be done individually and are only accessible during school hours. Quizzes should be completed in class.

* **Quarterly AR Celebrations**
* **AR certificates & Ribbons**
* **Classroom rewards**
* **Weekly AR Raffles**
* **AR Reward Zone**

* **Keychain**
* **Brag Tags**

Incentives & Rewards

ACCELERATED READER TAG CHART

LEEWOOD K-8

Grade Level	BLUE	GREEN	YELLOW	RED	PURPLE	ORANGE	PAW
1	7	14	21	28	35	42	49
2	9	18	27	36	45	54	63
3	11	22	33	44	55	66	77
4	13	26	39	52	65	78	91
5	15	30	45	60	75	90	105

Our Leopards are un-BEE-lievable readers!

Any Questions ?

THERE IS MORE TREASURE IN BOOKS THAN IN ALL THE PIRATE'S LOOT ON TREASURE ISLAND
~ WALT DISNEY

There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book.
Frank Serafini
meetville.com

You cAn FiND maGic wHeRever yOu look. Sit BAck & RelAx, aLL You NeEd iS A BoOk.
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Reading GiVES US A A Place to Go WHEN WE HAVE TO STAY WHERE WE ARE.
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