



Mrs. Wright's Accelerated Reader Program



Accelerated Reader (AR) has always been an integral part of my instructional program. My goal is for all students to read independently and take tests by the end of the year. However, at the beginning of the year, my focus is to strengthen comprehension skills through the use of this program. This means that students will be taking tests whether they can read independently or not.

Students have many opportunities to take tests. Tests may be taken from books/chapter books that are read to them in class or at home, books they read independently, and books they listen to at center time. Based on their reading level, AR books will also be a part of their Reading Workshop bags.

Students are encouraged to check out AR books from the library to read at home. Notes can be sent in by the parent/guardian for tests to be taken at school. You may already have books at home that have tests available. Please see the "Renaissance Home Connect" sheet for instructions on accessing the program at home. Students, however, are only able to take tests at school. Please realize that we have a busy instructional program and tests will be administered at the first available opportunity.

Parents/Guardians should feel free to come in before school and/or after school if they want to administer the test(s) to their own child. I also welcome Green Star volunteers to help administer tests before and/or after school to other students in our classroom. I will be rewarding students whether they can read independently or with the help of others. Students must achieve an average comprehension percentage of at least 80% to receive any award.

Awards are as follows:

- Students will receive a certificate for every ten-point increment (10, 20, 30...) and a treat from the grab box
- Free "Homework Passes" will be issued for every 20 points
- A small stuffed animal will be awarded for every 25 points
- Large stuffed animal for students achieving 75 points
- All students that reach 100 points or more will be treated to ice cream at Sunni Sky's Ice Cream Parlor in Angier at the end of the school year.

If you have any questions on my classroom program, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wright