## What to know about Accelerated Reading

Accelerated Reading, better known as AR, is a computerized program that tracks student's reading progress. After reading a book on their level (given to the student by the teacher), students take short quizzes to monitor their comprehension. Points are given after quizzes are complete. These points go toward an individual point goal for each student. This gives teachers the ability to monitor each student's reading progression, as well as giving students a chance to increase fluency and understanding. While this program is voluntary, it is highly encouraged.

## 5 W's of AR

#### Who can take tests?

• Only students can take a test, not parents

#### <u>What books should they read for</u> <u>tests?</u>

- Books checked out from the library that are on their reading level
- Books from home on their reading level

#### <u>Where can students take a test?</u>

- Students can take tests at school ONLY.
  Why should we participate?
- Participating in AR benefits both teachers and students in reading progress. Students who meet their goal will receive \$5 to shop the AR spirit cart at school! For each additional point, students will get one additional dollar (up to \$15 value)

#### <u>When should we start?</u>

• Student goals are already set, so you can begin reading right away!

#### <u>Where is the level indicated on</u> <u>a library book?</u>

Levels are indicated in multiple places.

- I.) colored dot on the spine.
- 2.) back inside cover of the book.
- 3.) some books even have the levels indicated on the spine of the book.

Please see the attached pictures for a more detailed description.

#### How do I know if a book from home is on my child's reading level?

Finding a level of a book is quick and easy. The website arbookfind.com is a great resource for identifying reading levels of books. If a book is NOT on arbookfind.com, then there is no test

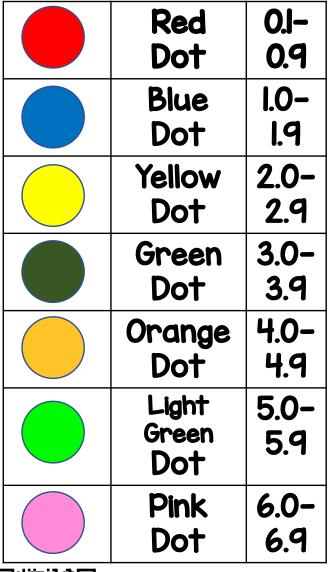
for that book in accelerated reading.

Scan code for arbookfind.com



#### <u>Colored Dot Coding System</u> <u>at the MAE Library</u>

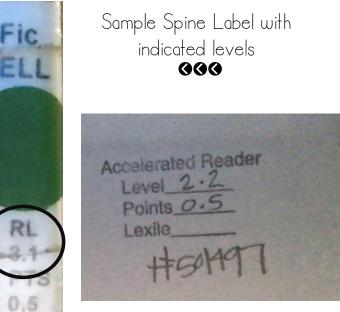
Found on the spine





The AR website also has some good parent tips as well. Scan this code to take you to the site. Sample level label on the back, inside cover

Junie B . first grader : aloha-ha-ha! Author: Park, Barbara. Reading Level: 2.8 LG Point Value: 1.0 ACCELERATED READER QUIZ 107304 Lexile Value: 360L



Sample stamp on the inside back cover

# How can I check my student's progress?

Parents can check student's progress by accessing the Renaissance Home Connect browser. This will allow you to track your student's progress and show you how many points they have earned. This will not allow you to take tests or delete tests. The Home Connect website and information is listed below.

### Home Connect Log-In

Reading Level

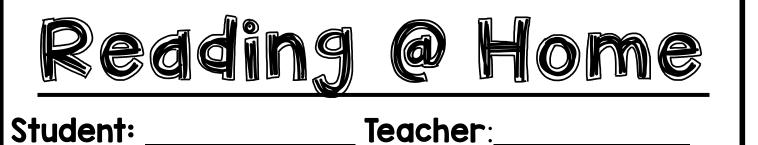
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Website: https://hosted15.renlearn.com/707785/HomeConnect

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: <u>ABC</u>

Did your student read an AR book at home? Fill out this form and send to school with your child's teacher so they can take their quiz in school.



Book Title:

Quiz Number:

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Rook Title:		

Quiz Number:

