

MSW Accelerated Reading Program

Dear Parents,

As part of the MSW reading program, students in grades three through five will actively participate in the Accelerated Reading (AR) program. In this program, students read books and then take a ten question computerized quiz; when the students successfully pass the quiz, they get credit for that book. This provides a mechanism for teachers to ascertain that the students are carefully reading entire novels and that they are comprehending what they are reading. Please read the “Frequently asked Questions” information for more details about the program.

In addition to the many ways teachers, library staff, and parents are encouraging students to read, the AR program acts as one more motivator for students to read more books and read more carefully. Students generally have fun receiving acknowledgment that they passed a quiz and feel self-satisfaction at having achieved a goal.

Student reading goals for each trimester are as follows:

Trimester 1 -- four quizzes passed

Trimester 2 -- five quizzes passed

Trimester 3 -- five quizzes passed

Success in reaching these goals will be figured into trimester Reading homework grades.

We continue to develop and improve the Accelerated Reading program at MSW. We have upgraded to the web-based program that allows us access to all of the quizzes that the company creates. This means that your child has a greater opportunity to take quizzes on the books he or she has read. Secondly, we are providing times in the computer lab for students to take the AR quizzes. Student accomplishments will be monitored in the Library, and only those who are successful will have their results displayed. Incentives will be awarded to those who reach and/or exceed their goals.

We hope this program accomplishes what we intend: to connect more kids with more books. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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