

Spring Hill Intermediate

Accelerated Reader Guidelines - 2014/15

STAR Testing:

*Students will take the STAR reading test three times a year, the beginning of each semester, and the end of the year, to identify the comprehension level of each student. The test will determine the amount of points each student will need to earn in a six weeks period.

*Teachers will notify parents and students of the AR comprehension level and number of points their student should earn each six weeks.

AR Guidelines:

*Students will be given the opportunity to read during the school day and will be encouraged to read at home daily.

*3rd Grade – 20 minutes

*4th & 5th Grade – 30 minutes

*During AR testing, students will not use their AR book to help answer questions.

* Any AR books, at any level, that are read to the students by the teacher can be tested on.

*Any AR tests that need to be deleted will be done by the librarian.

* Students who go to the library to check out a book will need to take their AR log/folder with them and the reading level will be written in the log. The AR log is in the faculty handbook.

* The librarian will report to the office weekly about what class in each grade level had the highest comprehension level for the previous week. The announcement will be made on Tuesday and the winning class will have the AR trophy in their classroom.

* Teachers will add student names to a poster near the AR bulletin board each six weeks of the students who met their AR goal with an 85% comprehension level or higher.

* Student names will not be announced over the intercom when the student reaches his/her goal.

AR Grading:

*AR grades will be determined by the comprehension grade reported in the AR program. The AR comprehension grade will be counted once for fourth grade and twice for fifth grade each six weeks. The AR grade will not be dropped.

*Third grade students who do not test on at least two AR books in their range each six weeks, will have a zero averaged in with their AR comprehension grade. The AR grade will be counted once.

AR Rewards:

To participate in the AR rewards a student must have a comprehension grade of 85% or higher and reached or exceeded his/her personal point goal each six weeks.

- * An extra 30 minute recess will be rewarded to AR earners each six weeks.

- * An ice cream party will be given by the library at the end of the year to students who have earned 100 or more AR points with an 85% or higher comprehension level for the entire school year.

- * Fifth grade students will have the opportunity to complete an AR book report and be entered in a drawing to win a special reward.