

2017-2018 St. Joseph Catholic School  
Accelerated Reader (AR) Program  
For grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**GOALS:**

- To motivate and inspire reading.
- To recognize student accomplishments when individual goals are achieved.

**PLAN for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**

- Students will take the STAR reading assessment three times a year to determine their reading levels and point goals (August, December, and May).
- Teachers will set individual student goals each quarter based on the STAR assessment and classroom performance.
- Students find books using AR Book Find ([www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)) to search for books on their individual reading level.
- Students will earn small prizes when reaching their individual quarterly goals.

**GUIDELINES:**

- Students may take AR quizzes in the classroom during the school day at the discretion of their classroom teacher.
- Students may take AR quizzes during media research class (if time) and after school on Wednesdays in the downstairs computer lab from 3:00-3:30 (excluding early release days).
- Students must take AR quizzes independently. Parents may not take AR quizzes for their children or help their children take the AR quiz.
- Rewards will be based on AR quizzes taken from June 2017 through May 2018.

**DUE DATES**

Summer: June 2 – August 18, 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: August 21 – October 6, 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: October 10 – December 8, 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: December 11, 2017 – March 9, 2018

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: March 13 – May 4, 2018

**RECOGNITION AND REWARDS:**

**AR Top Readers** – The top 3 readers (point totals) from each class will receive a special prize at the end of the school year. The top 4 readers (point totals) of the entire school will be recognized on a special plaque displayed in the library at the end of the school year.

**AR Million Word Club** – Students who read a million words or more during the school year (June-May) will be recognized quarterly for their achievement, with their name displayed on the Million Word Club board in the library and mentioned on the morning announcements.

**AR Prize Distribution** – At the end of the each quarter, students will receive small prizes if they reach their AR point goal for that quarter. Distribution of prizes will occur during media research lessons in the library. Students who reach their individual point goal all 4 quarters will receive a non-uniform day in May.

**Beat the Teachers** - Can you earn more points than Mrs. Clement *and* Mrs. Schnitzius? All students who earn more points than Mrs. Clement and Mrs. Schnitzius' total points will be invited to a Winners' Breakfast in May. You must read books on your level (or higher) – don't test on easy books for extra points (no cheating!).

(prize information on back)

**Individual prizes per quarter, for completion of point goal:**

*1st Quarter:* Bookmark

*2nd Quarter:* Pencil

*3rd Quarter:* Treasure box choice

*4th Quarter:* Book

*All 4 Quarters:* Non-uniform day in May

**End of year individual large point prizes, by grade group:**

*Students who earn points may shop with their points for the following items.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> grade:*

**50 points** – Lunch and movie afternoon in the library (in May; lunch provided)

**100 points** – Lunch with the principal (in May; location to be determined)

*3<sup>rd</sup> grade*

**80 points** – Lunch and movie afternoon in the library (in May; lunch provided)

**150 points** – Lunch with the principal (in May; location to be determined)

*4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades:*

**175 points** – Lunch and movie afternoon in the library (in May; lunch provided)

**300 points** – Lunch with the principal (in May; location to be determined)

*6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades:*

**300 points** – Lunch and movie afternoon in the library (in May; lunch provided)

**450 points** – Lunch with the principal (in May; location to be determined)