



Accelerated Reading 2008-2009

We will be continuing the Accelerated Reader Program in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade during the 2008-09 school year. This reading program is for ALL readers regardless of their reading level. Through the Accelerated Reader program, students are encouraged to read for their enjoyment and answer comprehension questions (via computer program) about their selection. This is an optional program, but we are encouraging student participation.

Students usually start taking tests in September. First grade students typically start during the second half of the year. If your child is in Kindergarten or First Grade and is already reading, please e-mail his/her teacher to see if they are ready to begin taking tests. Remember, they not only must read the book themselves but must also be able to read the questions/answers and complete the test by themselves.

How do students get the books to read?

- Library at school during library period
- Reading Den books
- Community Library
- Classroom book collections
- Home book collections
- Parents may choose to purchase the books

How do I know which books correlate with the program?

- Book lists can be downloaded from the Elementary School website. The book list will be in Excel format so that it can be sorted alphabetically by title or author and sorted by reading level. (If you do not have access to a computer, please call the school to obtain a list.)

* We have many books in the school library that have a corresponding accelerated reading test available. Each of these books is marked with an orange dot on the spine of the book. There is a label on the inside that gives the reading level and corresponding test number. Once a child has completed the book, they can take the test in their classroom or computer lab.

- There are thousands of books that correlate with the program, so please note that we are not recommending any particular selections. Parental discretion is always recommended. A selection that could be appropriate for one family might be considered inappropriate for another family because we are all individuals. We are always taking requests for new accelerated tests to be added. Please feel free to offer your requests to the South Fayette Elementary PTA at PTA@southfayette.org.

When do the students read?

- At home
- While waiting for the bus

Duration of Program

- Students take the test during the school year.
- Last day for program - Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Accumulating Points

- The number of points earned depends on the difficulty of the book and the number of questions answered correctly.
- Points will accumulate throughout the year.
- A summary of points will be included in the report card.

Incentive Program

	Level One	Level Two	Level Three	Level Four
Kindergarten	5 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
First Grade	5 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
Second Grade	7 points	14 points	21 points	28 points
Third Grade	10 points	20 points	30 points	40 points
Fourth Grade	12 points	24 points	36 points	48 points

- **Level One Incentive** - book, bookmark, pencil, sticker
- **Level Two Incentive** - gifts from school store (although the last quarter incentive will be items selected and given to the student due to lack of time to get to the store)
- **Level Three Incentive** - \$5 gift certificate from a book store
- **Level Four Incentive** - \$10 gift certificate from a book store ~ Once the student has reached the 4th level, they continue to accumulate points and cycle through the levels over and over.
- Incentives will be awarded every nine weeks.
- All students participating will receive a certificate of participation at the end of the school year.

Although the Accelerated Reader Program is optional, we hope that you choose for your child to participate.

If you are new to Accelerated Reader or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Spelling Test Tricia Ford at 412 221-1324 or at jeffreyford@verizon.net or Peggy Clayton at 412-221-4542, Ext. 731.

The love of reading is our number one goal. So read, read, read and have fun!

Accelerated Reader is a South Fayette Elementary PTA sponsored program.