

Below is some information about AR books, quizzing, and points that may be helpful to you.

### **WHAT IS “AR”?**

The purpose of AR (Accelerated Reader) is to reinforce reading practice by reading books that are at a “just right” level for each student. Students then take a quiz on the computer to check for comprehension.

### **WHAT BOOKS CAN MY CHILD READ?**

Our library uses colored stickers on each book corresponding to book levels to help students know what their “just right” books are. Students have their individual “just right” colors marked on an AR bookmarker to help them with book selection. They can read other books that aren’t in their color range but they may be too easy or too hard. You can read harder books to your child, and they can also take quizzes and earn points for these books. If you would like more information on your child’s level/colors, please see the teacher.

### **WHAT ABOUT BOOKS WE HAVE AT HOME?**

There are over 150,000 books that can be used for AR reading practice and points! Many books you have at home are probably AR books. You can go to [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) to check and see if any book is an AR book. You can also see the level of the book and the point amount and quiz numbers. They can certainly read non-AR books for their reading logs, but they can’t earn points for them.

### **WHAT ARE POINTS?**

Inside each AR library book is an AR information sticker. It shows the points the book is worth. Many books are “.5” points (half a point). Students must get all 5 questions correct on the quiz to earn the complete half point. If they get 3 or 4 correct, they will earn pro-rated points. Under 3 correct will not earn any points. (Higher level books will have 10 or more questions.)

NOTE: Starting the second grading period, second grade students will have a goal of 4 points. During the third and fourth grading periods their goal will be 5 points.

Cumulative: We do keep track of their cumulative points, and there are prizes and recognition when reaching 50, 100, 250, 500, and 1000 points during their time at Hillview. (1000 points earned is a KINDLE!)

### **WHAT ARE QUIZ NUMBERS?**

Also on AR library books’ sticker is the quiz number. Students will need to have this number to take their quiz. If they are reading a book from home, or one with no quiz number inside, you can look it up on [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) to find the number. During the quizzing process, students can also do a search for the number if they do not have it. If at all possible, it is easier to have the number recorded on the log before quizzing.

### **HOW DO WE USE AR WITH OUR REQUIRED DAILY READING /BOOK LOGS?**

Students record the books they read on their book log (see teacher instructions). Students can read by themselves, with you, or you can read to your child. The quiz will ask them how the book was read, so mark it in the appropriate place on the log. There is also a place for the quiz number on their log so they can easily use it to quiz.

### **WHAT IS THE QUIZZING PROCESS LIKE?**

Students can take quizzes in the mornings starting at 7:30 in the library. (When they arrive at school, if they are ready to quiz, they can go directly to the library after 7:30. After students go to their rooms from Bus Hall, they will need to check in with their teacher first.) Other times to quiz are during library time and whenever their teacher schedules a computer lab. Students will take their log with them to quiz, as it has all their quizzing/book/login information in it.

- Students can only quiz ONE time on a book, so they need to have read the book carefully as the program will not let them retake it.
- **Quizzes cannot be viewed except during the quizzing process, and cannot be taken from home.**

### **WHAT FEEDBACK DOES MY CHILD'S TEACHER GET?**

The teachers get a weekly report showing how the students are doing. If the teacher sees that a student is not doing well on the quizzes, they may have them choose an easier color book to read. The teacher may also encourage them to read harder books if they think they are ready for them.

### **WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP SUPPORT MY CHILD IN AR READING?**

Make sure your child practices reading at home every day, and that they are reading books they enjoy. Help them record their books in their classroom book log, and help them find the quiz number so they are ready to quiz. **More information about the AR Home Connect website that you can use to monitor how your child is doing in AR will be sent home soon.** This website shows a "bookshelf" of the books that your child has read, and how they did on their quizzes.

Please contact your child's teacher, Mrs. Timko (Library Media Specialist), or Ms. Nelson (Reading Coach) if you have any more questions about AR, and Happy Reading!