**St. Rita School**

**2017 - 2018**

**Accelerated Reader Program & Summer Reading**

Reading skills are extremely important for elementary and upper school students. To support the school’s literacy program, the AR program at

St. Rita School addresses the need for independent reading and reading comprehension skill development. After collaboration with faculty, the following guidelines were adopted for the school-wide program.

***Summer Reading is required of all students in entering grades 3 – 7. The AR points required for summer reading are included in the first quarter totals. Students have the entire first quarter to earn these points. Dates and times for Summer AR testing are listed at the bottom of this page.***

***Students and parents may check the following website for available AR titles:***

<http://www.arbookfind.com>

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| **Grade** | **Required points per quarter** | **Counts as….** | **Pre-requisites to Testing** |
| **1st**  | **2nd**  | **3rd**  | **4th**  |
| **7** | 21 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 5% of Literature Grade | Book Information Sheet |
| **6** | 17 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 5% of Literature Grade | Book Information Sheet |
| **5** | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 5% of Reading Grade | Book Information Sheet |
| **4** | 10 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5% of Reading Grade | Book Information Sheet |
| **3** | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5% of Reading Grade | Book Information Sheet |
| **2** | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5% of Reading Grade | Slip signed by parents |
| **1** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ------ | Slip signed by parents |
| **School-wide Incentives**:* Students who meet their quarterly quota by progress reports will receive a Dress-Down Coupon.
* Students who exceed their quarterly quota will receive a Dress-Down Coupon.
* Students who earn the following number of points during the year will receive rewards and an ice cream party in May.
	+ 25 Point Club for Grades 1, 2, and 3
	+ 50 Point Club for Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
	+ 100+ Point Club for Grades 1 - 7
	+ 200+ Point Club for Grades 1 - 7

Please note that other grade-level incentives may be offered in addition to the incentives above.

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| **Summer AR Testing – Computer Lab** |
| **Dates** | **Times** |
| Tuesday June 20 | 8:30am – Noon |
| Wednesday, June 21 | 8:30am – Noon |
| Tuesday, August 8 | 8:00am – Noon |
| Wednesday, August 9 | 8:00am – Noon |

*The Individual Needs Committee (INC) determines accommodations for students with educational evaluations that indicate certain problems with reading. The committee may determine that AR criteria for these students include fewer points and/or books from a wider range of grade levels. The INC criteria will be provided in writing to the students’ reading teacher.* |
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