Torrance Elementary’s Accelerated Reading Program

It’s all about practice…

Accelerated Reading encourages worthwhile differentiated reading practice to create strong readers.

Our Goal:

Develop lifelong readers and learners

In order to make reading a positive experience, it’s important to pick books that are interesting to them, and are at the right level for them. Your child might pick a book that’s just right – have fun! Enjoy reading! If they pick a book that’s a bit challenging, read the book to them. Let them absorb what it’s about. The second time, read the book together, and the third time, have your child read the book to you.

Okay… What do I do to be an Accelerated Reader?

1. Pick a book to read. Actively read that book! Dig in!
2. Now you’re ready to take the quiz.
3. Go to our school computer lab before school starts and do your best!

How do I know if the book I’m reading is in the Accelerated Reading Program?

It’s easy! Go to the website, AR BookFinder for everything you need. The link is www.arbookfind.com or just google AR BookFinder.

Go to the “Quick Search” tab, type the name of the book, or an author’s name, or even a topic…Click “Go” and your search begins. Another search you can use is the “Collections” tab. This type of search can give you a broad list of books to choose from because it is not limited to a specific title or author. Instead it categorizes books by Awards, “State List”, “Librarian Picks” and “What Kids Are Reading”.

Take advantage of the AR BookBag feature. It is a place where you can create your own book list. Keeps you organized!

What do all those Abbreviations Mean?

IL -- “Interest Level”
AR Pts -- Accelerated Reading Points

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BL stands for “Book Level”

This is a readability formula to help choose the best match for your reading level. For example, RPBL: 5.2 means a typical 5th grader in the 2nd month of school could read this book.
**Reader Certification Levels**
There are seven reader certifications students can earn.

**Ready Reader:** Read, read, read… Accumulate 5 points and you’re a Ready Reader! At this level, books that someone has “Read To” you, “Read With” you, or you read by yourself, “Read Independently”, all count towards your 5 points.

**Independent Reader:** Here you need to independently read three books with a 1.2 or higher book level as well as accumulate ten points. You can do it! You already accumulated 5 pts as a “Ready Reader”, so you’re half way there! Meet your 3 book goal and earn a total of 10 points…you’re set!

**Rising Reader:** Independently read three books with a 1.6 or higher book level and maintain your ten points, and you are a “Rising Reader”!

**Super Reader:** Independently read three books with a 2.0 or higher book level that are each worth at least one point.

**Advanced Reader:** Independently read three books with a 3.0 or higher book level that are each worth at least two points.

**Star Reader:** Independently read three books with a 4.0 or higher book level that are each worth at least four points.

**Classic Reader:** Independently read three books with a 6.0 or higher book level that are each worth at least seven points. Wow! You’re the tops!