

## About the S.F.D.S. Accelerated Reader Program

Accelerated Reader is a reading comprehension data tracking system. A student reads a book from the library and then takes the AR quiz in the computer lab during their scheduled AR class time; the lab is also open before school (7:30) or after school until 3:20.

### **Primary Goals for AR:**

1. Accelerate growth in reading ability
2. Enable students to practice at a personalized level and take responsibility for their own achievement
3. Foster a love of reading
4. Improve test scores and overall student achievement

### **Additional Benefits:**

- Increased reading and more reading practice equals better comprehension which will benefit the students for life
- AR is an individual program – not all students are at the same level in a class
- Gives the students more choices and they may want to read more

## Accelerated Reader Reward and Incentive Program

In order to become excellent readers and at the same time get excited about reading, we want to reward the students who read and take AR quizzes with an incentive program.

**Increase Reading + More Practice = Better Comprehension Skills**

### **Grades 1 – 3**

(Note: 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will begin the program after Christmas)

- Reach 5 points, and receive a “Star Reader” button
- Reach 10 points, and receive a Star on the Library Wall
- Reach 15 points, and receive a Special Bookmark
- Reach 20 points, and receive an AR Ribbon
- Reach 25 points - a Bencil
- Reach 40 points, a Reading Light

For every 5 points, receive a raffle ticket to get a chance to win an SFDS scrip choice (Reading Raffle every other week at Monday Assembly)

### **Grades 4 - 8**

- Reach 20 points, and receive a “Star Reader” button
- Reach 50 points, and receive a Star on the Library Wall
- Reach 75 points, and receive a Special Bookmark
- Reach 100 points, and receive a Kick Bag
- Reach 200 points, and receive a “Bencil”
- Reach 300 points, a Reading Light

For every 10 points, receive a raffle ticket to get a chance to win an SFDS scrip choice (Reading Raffle every other week at Monday Assembly beginning the end of October)

**Top Reader with Highest Points – Name on Plaque in Library (1 added per year)**