



# Ocee Elementary

## Accelerated Reader (AR) Program Guide

### 2017-2018

### The Race

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a computerized reading comprehension program designed to motivate and increase independent reading. A racing theme is used to track progress while more engaging for the students. This is an optional enrichment program sponsored and coordinated by Ocee PTA volunteers. More details about the program can be found in our Q&A document located on the PTA website: <http://ocepta.com/accelerated-reader>.

**Race Start & Finish: Sept 18, 2017 - April 27, 2018**

**Race Car Drivers: 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

### Start Your Engines

- Students read books with AR quizzes (or books can be read to your student)
- Books with AR quizzes can be found at:
  - Ocee Learning Commons (LC) - Look for blue AR stickers on books' spines, look inside covers for labels stickers with books' point values. Parents can check out books too; ask LC for details.
  - Classroom - Ask your teacher for help.
  - At Home - Verify if they are AR books using website: [ARbookfind.com](http://ARbookfind.com) > Collections
  - Public Libraries (bring your list from [ARbookfind.com](http://ARbookfind.com))
- Book selection
  - Teachers work with students to help them learn how to select "just right" books 3 them.

### Ready, Set, Go! - For Students (Accessing AR Quizzes)

- After reading a book, students can take an AR quiz: answering multiple-choice questions that check recall of basic facts and events in the book.
- Each student will receive a unique login User Name and Password to access AR quizzes from his/her teacher, typically on a label sticker on the inside cover of student's agenda.
- Quizzes may be taken in classroom or in computer lab before school from 7:10-7:40am. Teachers will provide instructions on when and where quizzes may be taken.
- After completing the AR quiz, the student receives a point score based on the difficulty level of the book and the number of questions he/she answers correctly. Note, quiz scores under 70% earn 0 points.

### Pit Stop! - For Parents (Accessing Parents Website)

- Parents can view student's AR progress using the Renaissance Home Connect website.
  - Student's Points Earned
  - What books have been read (View My Bookshelf)
  - Average reading level and quiz score of books read
- Go to <https://hosted248.renlearn.com/51622/HomeConnect>
- "User Name" is provided by student's teacher, found on the inside cover of student's agenda. (It is also the same number student uses for school lunch.)
- "Password" is student's birthdate (mmddyyyy) preceded by "HC". For example, if birthdate is January 31, 2006, password is "HC01312006".

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- After login, parents can click on "Email Setup" to enable student to "Share Results and Progress" after each AR quiz by email notifications.
- Additional tips and Q&A document can be found at: <http://ocepta.com/accelerated-reader>

## Laps

- Students who take quizzes and earn points will find a race car with his/her name on the AR Racetrack on the wall across the gym.
- Students' race cars advance to next lap based on total earned points at end of each period.

## Lap Milestones by Points

|                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Lap | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lap | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lap | 4 <sup>th</sup> Lap | 5 <sup>th</sup> Lap | All-Stars |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | up to 2.9pts        | 3 to 9.9 pts        | 10 to 22.9          | 23 to 39.9pts       | 40 to 69.9pts       | 70+ pts   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | up to 4.9           | 5 to 19.9           | 20 to 39.9          | 40 to 59.9          | 60 to 89.9          | 90+ pts   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | up to 7.9           | 8 to 24.9           | 25 to 49.9          | 50 to 79.9          | 80 to 119.9         | 120+ pts  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | up to 9.9           | 10 to 29.9          | 30 to 54.9          | 55 to 89.9          | 90 to 139.9         | 140+ pts  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | up to 11.9          | 12 to 34.9          | 35 to 59.9          | 60 to 99.9          | 100 to 149.9        | 150+ pts  |

## AR Period Dates

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| Aug    | AR Presentations to 1 <sup>st</sup> Graders      |   |
| Sep 18 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Period Starts/ <b>Race Start</b> | Feb. 14 4 <sup>th</sup> Period Ends                     |
| Oct 20 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Period Ends                      | Mar. 16 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Ends                     |
| Dec 1  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period Ends                      | Apr. 27 6 <sup>th</sup> Period Ends/ <b>Race Finish</b> |
| Jan 12 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period Ends                      | May All-Stars Breakfast, 7:30-8:30am                    |

## Rewards

- Students receive rewards if their cars reach the next lap at the end of each period.
- Cars will move on the Racetrack and rewards will be distributed 10 days after period ends.
- Rewards will be sent home by the homeroom teacher with the student.
- Students that reach the Finish Line (All-Stars) will receive additional recognition.
- The homeroom class with the most points in each grade will win an ice cream party in May.

## Examples of Rewards

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|-----------------------|---|
| Lap 1                 | Car is placed on track (student must take at least one quiz and score at least 70%) |
| Lap 2                 | AR pencil   |
| Lap 3                 | Chick-Fil-A coupon and Ocee magnetic bookmark                                       |
| Lap 4                 | AR earbuds and case   |
| Lap 5                 | Choose one Experience Reward from list below  |
| Final Lap (All-Stars) | Blue ribbon, medal, and recognition at All-Stars breakfast in May                   |

## Examples of Experience Rewards for Lap 5

- Behind the scenes tour with the Assistant Principal
- Music Class Assistant (1/2 day)
- Lunch with a teacher of your choice (teacher must be in grade level or Specials)
- Breakfast with the Principal
- AR Spotlight on Otter Talk-Guest appearance and book review
- See Racetrack or AR Website for updated list

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