



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



### Parent Volunteers

You are invited to volunteer for 2 hours per week in the library. Please email us, and we will put you in touch with our volunteer coordinator, Jeanie Williby, to arrange a time. Our staff will provide training. The activities range from checking in books, helping students find books, processing materials, etc. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in your child's school and to witness the educational process in action.

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# Cactus Ranch Elementary



## Accelerated Reader Program

Parent Guide

## Program Procedures

Students in kindergarten and first grade will begin getting dog tags during the second semester of school. Kinder students receive a recognition tag for every 100 books they read up to 5 tags. First grade students receive a recognition tag for every 200 minutes they read, up to 5 tags.

Students in grades 2-5 read and earn points by taking Accelerated Reader quizzes on the books. Every 10 points the students can earn a reading recognition tag.

There are special recognition tags for 50, 100, and 200 points. At 300 points students may design their own custom tag. For every 100 points after that, students get a new paperback book.

Students earn an audio tape coupon to check out an audio tape at the following intervals: 25, 50, 75, 120, 140, 160, 180, 220, 240, 260, etc.

For every 5 Bluebonnet books, students receive a Bluebonnet recognition tag.

## Questions and Answers

What is AR?

AR (Accelerated Reader) is a reading motivational program. Students take quizzes over library books and receive points.

Why do students want to take quizzes?

Students receive a motivational dog tag for every 10 points that they earn.

Where can we find a list of books that have quizzes?

This list can be found at our Cactus Ranch Library Website or at [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)

Can students take quizzes from home?

Yes, students can take quizzes from anywhere that has an Internet connection.

When does the program start and who participates?

It begins after students have orientation and it ends at the beginning of May. Students in grade 2-5 participate the entire year. Kindergarten and first grade students will begin a different reading program in February.

How do students earn points?

The students must pass a comprehension quiz on the book which they have read.

How many points is a book worth?

The points are based on the reading level and the amount of words in the book. This information can be located on the label located at the top-right hand corner of the inside cover.

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Which books have quizzes and how do students know the reading level and points for a book? All books with quizzes in our library have a small yellow dot on the bottom of the spine. There is a label inside each book which tells reading level and point value.

If a student fails a quiz, can the student retake the quiz?

No. Once a student takes a quiz, the student cannot retake the quiz.

What if the student accidentally takes the wrong quiz?

The student should come and discuss the situation with the librarian. Students are taught to be careful when they select their quizzes.

Do the points carry over from year to year?

No. Each year the students begin with zero points.

Can students look up answers in the books?

Yes. Because of the format of the TAKS test, we encourage students to find and prove their answers in the text.

How can parents help?

Ask your child to bring home a copy of his/her reading record. Ask to meet with your classroom teacher or with the librarian to plan strategies to help your student succeed. Read a book with your child and take a quiz together in our library.