

The Library Lowdown

Accelerated Reading

Over the summer we did more than just renovations; we also explored new avenues of learning for our students. One area of possible change is our Accelerated Reading system. There is a new way of providing the same reading practice to children, and it is called the AR Enterprise. It would mean that our students would have all 120,000+ quizzes available to them, without me having to order and upload them. It would also provide a variety of quizzes, including vocabulary quizzes, and literacy

skills quizzes. The reading practice quizzes we currently use test only comprehension. The Enterprise would enhance our ability to assess student growth in reading.

The disadvantage would be that we would need the support of families to monitor the content of the books their children are reading. While we would still maintain control of the content of the books we put on our library shelves, it would make so many more available for AR quizzing. We have heard fac-

ulty feedback and opinions from a group of students,



One advantage to Enterprise would be the availability of 120,000 AR quizzes.

and we will be discussing the pro's and con's of the new system at the advisory committee meeting tonight to solicit opinions from parents. Look for more information on the possibility of a change in our policy soon!

Summer Reading Ice Cream!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in an organized reading program this summer. We celebrated with ice cream cones and a free recess last Friday. There were students

from every class—even though only one from the eighth grade (Thanks for the help with the ice cream, Amy!).

Keeping our reading skills sharp over the

weeks of summer means that we are ready to hit the ground running when we start back to school.

Good work, Eagles!!

New AR Reading Goals for Points!

In order to make our reading practice more challenging, there will be a slight increase in the number of points necessary to attend the reading practice AR Field Trip.

Grades 5-8: 150 points

Grade 4: 115 points

Grade 3: 75 points

Set a goal for yourself for the year, and make this happen!

We'll all be checking out books during library class this week; grades K-2 will keep their books at school, and grades 3-8 can take them home. Just remember to bring them back on class day!