

# COLLINS- RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Accelerated Reader Program



Dear Parent/Guardian,

In an effort to boost our reading scores and academic achievement, Collins-Riverside Middle School will be incorporating the Accelerated Reader Program (AR). All of the student accounts have been created, and we are currently testing each student using the Star Reading Program in order to identify each child's unique reading level. Once the students reading level has been determined, students can check out AR books and begin to take quizzes. Students that earn the appropriate number of AR points will receive a bonus test grade added to their English grade. For the second nine weeks, the guidelines for earning the bonus grades are as follows:

- **15 AR points = 100**
- **10 AR points = 90**
- **7 AR points = 85**

As we rollout out the program, we will adjust the number of AR points that will be needed for each nine weeks and the total for the year. Students that complete the minimum required number of points will be eligible for additional prizes and rewards. The top AR reader for each grade level will be recognized at Honors Night at the end of the year. Our goal is to boost reading which, in turn, will boost student achievement. To achieve this goal, we need each parent/guardian to help in this endeavor. Please start by making sure your child spends at least 25 minutes a day reading their library book. Each student will have an opportunity to checkout a book through their English class, so each child will be in possession of a book to read. Parents can register on Renaissance Home Connect to monitor the progress of their child. Each student will be given a user handout on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> that will include a username and password for the home connect website. The website for Home Connect <https://Hosted11.renlearn.com/712651/HomeConnect>. Parents that register with home connect will receive an email each time their child takes a quiz.

I appreciate your support as we continue to do things The Riverside Way!

Thank you,

Steven Sims, II  
Collins-Riverside Middle School, Principal