



Carroll Academy participates in an Accelerated Reader program for grades 1st - 6th. The students in grades 2nd - 6th take the STAR Test during August. The 1st grade takes the STAR Test in December. The STAR Test is a computer-based reading assessment that uses computer-adaptive technology. Computer-adaptive means the test continually adjusts the difficulty of each child's test by choosing each test question based on the child's previous response. If the student answers a question correctly, the difficulty level of the next item is increased. If the child misses a question, the difficulty level is decreased.

After completing the STAR Test, the student receives a ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) range. This range indicates the book level the student will read until the next STAR Test. Students are tested in August, December, and April. Students must read books within their ZPD range.

The students take AR quizzes in the elementary library or the classroom. AR books can be checked out in the elementary library. Please remember to return books on time. The library book must be returned in order to take an AR test. The Carroll Academy Library checks 1 book out at a time. When choosing books from home or the public library, please check online at arbookfind.com. This website will tell you if the book is an AR book and the reading level for the book. All books are not AR books.

Students in grades 2nd-6th will receive a test grade for AR each nine weeks. This grade will be the average of all test scores taken each nine weeks.

Students in grades 2nd -6th must:

- Read a minimum of 4 picture books or 2 chapter books and take an AR test for each book. This must be reached by the end of each 9 weeks.
- Failure to reach this minimum will result in a grade of "0" for each book not read for the 9 weeks.

Ex. Book # 1 test grade - 90

 Book # 2 (not read) - 0

9 weeks average for AR

It's going to be a great year! Let's get to reading!

January 4, 2021

Dear Parents,

First grade will start AR this week. The students will be checking books out from the library and taking AR tests on those books. Students are required to take at least **one** AR test each week, but they are encouraged to try to take a test each day. At the end of each week, their teacher will record their highest AR grade as a daily grade for reading in the grade week.

The students will bring their AR book home each night. Please have your child read the book to you or read it together. You can even ask them some comprehension questions after they have read the book. This will help them to prepare to take the AR test. Once the students have taken a test on a book, they will be able to check out a new book. Most first grade level books are only worth half a point (.5) each, so students need to take AR tests every day if possible. If they aren't taking tests and doing well on the tests, they will not be able to meet the deadlines.

1st Grade- Overall 80% correct

Level One	Ready Reader	4 points
Level Two	Super Reader	8 points
Level Three	Advanced Reader	12 points
Level Four	Star Reader	16 points

<u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Level 1	No Deadline	Bookmark/ Pencil
Level 2	February 12, 2021	Sweet Treat

Level 3	March 5, 2021	Free Recess
Level 4	April 2, 2021	Book
Level 5	April 22, 2021	Fun Day

Level Five Rebel Reader 20 points

<u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Level 1	No Deadline	Bookmark/ Pencil
Level 2	November 13, 2020	Sweet Treat
Level 3	January 29, 2021	Free Recess
Level 4	March 10, 2021	Book
Level 5	April 22, 2021	Fun Day

2nd Grade- Overall 85% correct

Level One	Ready Reader	8 points
Level Two	Super Reader	16 points
Level Three	Advanced Reader	24 points
Level Four	Star Reader	32 points
Level Five	Rebel Reader	40 points

3rd Grade- Overall 85% correct

Level One	Ready Reader	20 points
Level Two	Super Reader	30 points
Level Three	Advanced Reader	40 points
Level Four	Star Reader	50 points
Level Five	Rebel Reader	60 points

4th Grade- Overall 85% correct

Level One	Ready Reader	25 points
Level Two	Super Reader	35 points
Level Three	Advanced Reader	45 points

Level Four	Star Reader	55 points
Level Five	Rebel Reader	65 points

5th Grade- Overall 85% correct

Level One	Ready Reader	30 points
Level Two	Super Reader	40 points
Level Three	Advanced Reader	50 points
Level Four	Star Reader	60 points
Level Five	Rebel Reader	70 points

6th Grade- Overall 85% correct

Level One	Ready Reader	35 points
Level Two	Super Reader	45 points
Level Three	Advanced Reader	55 points
Level Four	Star Reader	65 points
Level Five	Rebel Reader	75 points