To: Jones Elementary Parents

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Accelerated Reader Policy and Procedures

Second and third grade students are welcome to come to the media center to take AR tests before school in addition to the school day. Tests can be taken before school beginning at 7:30.

- 1. Students only take tests at school.
- 2. Tests should be taken on books that are on the student's assigned reading level as determined by their STAR test and teacher recommendation. Points from tests below the student's level may not count towards monthly prizes, book fair prize, and AR Day / end of the year goal.)
- 3. <u>Students can ask me for help with a word if they need to.</u> <u>Students in 2nd and 3rd grades may NOT look up answers in the book.</u>)
- 4. Students should have read the book carefully before taking the test. I remind the students to ask about words or information in the story they don't understand before they take the test. A student must be able to read confidently alone to successfully take an AR test.
- 5. Students need to know their username and password. When a student has finished the test, he/she should sign out of the computer.

Deadline to earn points to qualify for AR day is April 13, 2022. (Second grade's goal is 50 points.) (Third grade's goal is 65 points.)

Home Connect

https://global-zone52.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=49799 Home Connect allows parents to see how their child is doing on AR quizzes. You should have received some information about the program. If you have any questions please contact me. (Remember to add @bremencs after the student's username.)

Other reminders:

It is recommended that the test be taken within a day or two of completing the chosen book. **Once students take a test they cannot take the test again.** Their online test record will go with them to the academy and middle school.

Teachers encourage students to participate in Accelerated Reader. Reading on their level will help them become better readers. AR is a program in which they do need to motivate themselves to be successful. We want reading to be enjoyable for them as well as a learning experience.

We will be recognizing student achievements with some rewards throughout the year. Second and third grade students will also receive ten cents per point to use in the March book fair. Amount will be determined for the points they have earned by February 25. Students who reach a designated goal for their grade level will also be able to participate in AR Day. AR Day will be scheduled in early May.