

AR Information (Grades 2 – 8)

With the corrected Home Connect link! 😊

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor a student's independent reading practice. We have started this for grades 2-8. Your child picks a book at his own level and reads it at his own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read. The book your child chooses to read can be from anywhere: bookstore, public library, school library or it might be a book you already own. By going to the website www.arbookfind.com you can determine the BL (book level), which should fall in your child's ZPD (reading level range) and how many points the book is worth. **The ZPD is the reading level range from which your child should be selecting books for optimal growth in reading.** It spans reading levels that are appropriately challenging for reading practice. This range is approximate. Judgment should be used when choosing books. Just because your child *can* read books in a certain reading level does not mean they *should*, content may not be appropriate. That is where IL (interest level) comes into place. The IL of a book should match what grade they are in.

Each student will be given their own point goal each trimester. The reason for this is every child is a different reader and reads at their own pace and ability. We do our best with these but please know we can adjust if needed. **A paper with the first trimester point goal and your child's reading range will come home with your child this week.**

On the next page is an example of what you will see when you go to the **AR Book Find website**. Different books are worth different point amounts. The number of questions answered correctly on the quiz determines the amount of points earned. How your child does on each quiz and their *progress towards their goal* can also be seen at <https://hosted285.renlearn.com/94779/homeconnect> . Your log-in is the same information your child uses to take a quiz here at school so they should know it. If not feel free to email me and I will send you your child's log-in information.

Students are encouraged to read at home and at school. However, quizzes can only be taken at school. Time is given throughout the day for the students to take AR tests.

AR Book Find Sample

Masterpiece



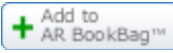
Broach, Elise

AR Quiz No. 125321 EN Fiction

? IL: **MG** - **BL: 4.8** - AR Pts: **8.0**

? AR Quiz Types: **RP, VP**

? Rating: ★★★★★



After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Dürer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

IL (Interest Levels) Explained

LG K – 3

MG 4 – 8

MG+ 6 – 8

UG High School

If you have any further questions feel free to contact me or djustice@stmm.org

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