



LIBRARY NEWS



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AN EXCELLENT TIME TO EARN POINTS IS DURING THE ANNUAL AR CHALLENGE ...

St. Peter Lutheran School is once again signed up for the annual **AR Challenge**. The 2012 Challenge is scheduled for January 30-March 9. Any Lutheran school (grades 1-8) in the United States and Canada presently using the Accelerated Reader program may enter the contest. All students must be independent readers.

The purpose of the challenge is to provide an incentive and motivation for our children to read more, improve their reading, and have fun. Reading for this contest can occur anywhere - at home, at school, in the car, etc. All the students need to do is read AR books and take the tests. We handle the rest.

Please encourage your child to read and take tests on as many AR books as possible during this six-week period. This is a challenge against other Lutheran schools - the class and school with the highest percentage wins a prize. Our school will also be awarding a prize to students with the highest percentage of points in each class.

March 2, 2012 -- Succeeding in Reading... Together

WE ARE REGISTERED FOR THIS PROGRAM. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO TAKE TESTS ON MARCH 2ND.

Renaissance Learning has created a one-day challenge to help get students excited about reading and enthusiastic about taking Accelerated Reader Quizzes. Students coast to coast (all schools using Renaissance) will be a part of reading history on March 2 as they work together to shatter this record. Yes, it's during the Annual six-week AR Challenge, which only consists of Lutheran Schools. ALL points earned on Friday, March 2nd, will be eligible for both programs! The one-day record - set last year - for Accelerated Reader Quiz-taking is well above 2 million quizzes (2,177,586, to be exact).

Students from coast to coast will be encouraged to read the most in the days leading up to the event. Every book counts. Every quiz counts, too. They also will be holding random prize drawings throughout the day. LET'S GET READING

Accelerated Reader is a computerized reading management system designed to improve student reading and develop lifelong learners and critical thinkers. Students earn points for each book they read by passing a computerized quiz about the book.

Teachers will inform students of their reading range (referred to as ZPD) after they take the STAR Assessment Test. All books in our library with an AR quiz available have a green sticker on the spine showing the reading level and point value. We have access to over 133,000 quizzes. Students can take AR quizzes in their classroom, during class time in the library, and before or immediately after school in the library. If you have questions about AR, please see your student's teacher. Parents can access their child's AR record through HOME CONNECT. Use your child's user name and password (sent home earlier in the year).

Go to <https://Hosted164.renlearn.com/174434/HomeConnect>

(If you do not know your child's user name/password, please contact one of the librarians.)

As soon as a book has a test written for it, we now have it automatically.

New tests are added weekly (on Thursdays); keep checking for new books that are added. Go to www.renlearn.com/store and click on "quiz store". In the upper left corner go to "NEW RELEASES" to see new tests that have been added for that week.



LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Students can come to the library before or after school to take AR tests and to return or check out books, but please come in immediately after school.

NOTE: *the library closes at 2:30 pm (2:00 pm on Wednesdays)*

If you have any questions regarding the library or about the Accelerated Reader program, please contact:

Janet Allman (jallman@stpeterlcms.com)

or

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or call us at 847-885-7636, ext. 256

Would your child like to go on the AR Special Lunch in May? On May 17th, Mr. Kirsch and the librarians will be taking any 1st to 8th grade student who has earned enough points out to lunch. Students in 1st and 2nd grade must earn 75 points; 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students need to earn 100 points; and Middle School students (6th, 7th, and 8th graders) need 150 points. **All points for the LUNCHEON OR FOR GIFT CARDS MUST be earned by Friday, May 11th** in order for students to be eligible. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE END**

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS!!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th is the end of the 2nd Trimester

ALL Middle School students are required to have their AR reading points by that date.

- 6th graders need 15 points
- 7th graders need 18 points
- 8th graders need 20 points

If you would like to know how many points your student currently has, please contact the librarians.

Kindergartners through 6th graders are once again participating in the Six Flags Read to Succeed program. Information was sent home at Christmas break. If you did not receive it, please contact one of the librarians. **ALL completed reading logs must be returned NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th (NO EXCEPTIONS!)**

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS READING?

It is very important that parents know what their children are reading. When we have concerns and questions about any books, we use the following sites: <http://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews> or http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/protecting_your_family/book_reviews_for_parents.aspx. Please use these sites to check and see if the books your child is reading are content and age appropriate.

The Library no longer charges fines on overdue books. Overdue book notices are still sent home through parents' emails. You will receive the first notice when the book is two days late. If a book is not returned within *ONE WEEK* after its due date, we will assume the book has been lost and the parents will receive a bill reflecting the cost of the lost book. Parents will also receive a bill for books returned damaged beyond repair. Once the bill has been sent, students in grades 1 to 5 will spend their recess time in the library until the bill is paid. Middle school students will eat their lunch in the library until their bill is paid. If a book is returned after being paid for, we will issue a full refund.

Each book checked out has a blue date due card placed in its pocket. If a book is returned without the date due card in its pocket, we will continue to charge 50 cents for each missing card. All students are encouraged not to remove this card.

Reminder to parents: PLEASE watch where you return your child's books. Quite a few St. Peter Library books have been returned to public libraries in the area. We eventually get most of our books returned, but it may take several weeks for us to be notified. Your child is responsible for the book until it is back in our library. After two weeks you will receive an "overdue notice" via email as a reminder that your child has an overdue book. Students are required to pay the cost of the book for all lost books. If a book is returned after being paid for, we will issue a full refund.

We continue to recognize the top two students in EACH class who earn the highest number of AR points EACH month throughout the school year. (This is not cumulative - it is on a monthly basis and starts over the 1st of each month.)

A "**READER OF THE MONTH**" poster is posted each month in the front hall and names the two students in each class who have received the highest number of Accelerated Reader points in their class for the month. This information is also sent home monthly with the School Notes information. Check your school emails to see our Readers of the Month.

ABOUT THE BOOK FAIR Once again, a BIG THANK YOU to all the parents and grandparents who purchased books at the book fair in January. The profits from our book fairs are used to purchase new books for the library for your children. If there is a book that your child would like us to get, you or they can contact the librarians and request that we purchase it for the library. The book fair will be returning next fall during teacher conferences.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!

If you have any *gently used* books looking for a new home, **the library accepts used books**. If the library already has copies, we will check with classroom teachers. Any books not used by the library or by teachers will be placed on tables in the front hall the last week of school along with any discarded library books. The books will be free to anyone wanting to give them a new home.

New books are added weekly to the inventory of YOUR St. Peter School Library...some have been donated by our families, and some were purchased from our Book Fair. The books on the following page have been added to our inventory in the last two months (these are from donations and book fair purchases).

The Adventures Of Tintin A Novel
 All Dads On Deck #23
 Amber The Orange Fairy #2
 Angelina Ballerina
 Atlas Of North America
 Attack Of The Vampire Weenies & Other ... Tales
 Aye-Ayes
 A Bad Kitty Christmas
 Bad Kitty Gets A Bath
 Bear And Bunny Grow Tomatoes
 Bella
 Blossom And Beany
 The Bombing Of Pearl Harbor, 1941
 Bramble And Berry
 Brian's Hunt
 The Capture #1 (Guardians)
 The Case Of The Four-Leaf Clover #5
 Chasing Vermeer
 The Christmas Rat
 Clouded Leopards
 Crookedstar's Promise (Warrior's)
 Diary Of A Wimpy Kid Cabin Fever #6
 Dilly-Dally And The Nine Secrets
 Dolphin Tale The Junior Novel
 Dora Saves The Enchanted Forest
 Dork Diaries-Tales From Not-So-Talented Pop Star
 Esperanza Rising
 Every Thing On It Poems And Drawings
 First Dog
 Five Little Monkeys Reading In Bed
 George's Marvelous Medicine
 Ghosts
 Growing Up Is Hard
 Guinness World Records 2012
 Half Magic
 Hamsters And Gerbils
 Hamsters, Gerbils, Guinea Pigs, Rabbits, Ferrets,
 Harpy Eagles
 Henry And The Clubhouse
 Hermie A Common Caterpillar
 Hold Your Horses! #7
 Holly The Christmas Fairy
 How We Crossed The West
 If You Give A Dog A Donut
 Into The Land Of The Unicorns, BOOK I
 Joy The Summer Vacation Fairy

Julia Gillian (And The Art Of Knowing)
 Katie The Kitten Fairy #1
 Lily Finds A Friend
 Little Fish Lost
 Llama Llama Misses Mama
 Love Bites
 Lyle At Christmas
 Macaws
 The Medusa Plot -Cahills Vs Vespers
 Mick Harte Was Here
 Milo's Big Mistake
 Ocelots
 Okapi
 The One And Only Me
 One Duck Stuck
 One-Handed Catch
 Oscar's Best Friends
 Over In The Meadow
 Pee Wee's Tale
 Pet Rabbits
 Pete-Cat Rocking In My School Shoes
 Planting A Rainbow
 Princess Patty In Peace On Earth
 R My Name Is Rachel
 Reindeer Do Wear Striped Underwear #2
 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
 Ruby The Red Fairy #1
 Scholastic Book Of World Records 2012
 Sign Of The Moon #4 (Omen Of The Stars)
 Sloths
 Sonny's Secret #14
 Spider Monkeys
 Splish, Splash, Splat!
 Stolen Children
 Stormbreaker
 Surprises According To Humphrey #4
 The Three Little Aliens And The Big Bad Robot
 Toucans And Other Birds
 Tricks And Treats #24
 Under Fire In The Middle East
 Vampires Do Hunt Marshmallow Bunnies #7
 A Very Merry Christmas #35
 Vietnam: I Pledge Allegiance, BOOK 1
 Viking Ships At Sunrise #15
 War Horse

