



FRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dive Into A Good Book!

We're kicking off the **Accelerated Reader** program for the 2014-15 school year. Our theme this year is "DIVE Into a Good Book!"

What is Accelerated Reader?

The Accelerated Reader (AR) Program is a computer-based, reading management and motivational system designed to complement existing classroom literacy programs. Over half of all school districts nationwide use AR in their reading programs.

Participation in the AR Program at Fry is optional and is not associated with the school's curriculum. The PTA funds and sponsors AR as one of its enrichment programs and is jointly run by the LMC and PTA volunteers. The goal of our program is to provide a fun and engaging way for kids to read more meaningfully. The AR program is designed to promote reading.

There are currently numerous AR books in our library. Each of these books is associated with a computerized quiz that tests the reader's comprehension of the book. Each book is assigned a point value based on the number of words contained and its reading difficulty.

A list of Fry's AR quizzes is available on the school website under the Library Media Center tab select LMC Programs and Accelerated Reader Program or here <http://fry.ipisd.org/Subpage.aspx?id=481>.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://fry.ipisd.org/Subpage.aspx?id=481>. The page title is "Fry Elementary School" and the subtitle is "Indian Prairie School District 204". The navigation menu includes "Fry Home", "Faculty and Staff", "About Fry", "Academics", "Library Media Center", "Partnerships", "Student Council", "Student Resources", "Newsletters", "13-14 Fry Calendar", "School Supply Lists", "13-14 Parent Handbook", "PTA", "Staff Resources", "Fry Traffic Plan", "eSchool Home Access", "Edline & Blackboard", "Library Catalog", "Online Calendar", "Translate This Site", and "District 204 Home". The "LMC PROGRAMS" section is active, with sub-links for "Accelerated Reader", "Reading Incentive", "Young Authors", and "Birthday Book". The "Accelerated Reader Program" page content includes a list of links: "AR Title List", "AR Title List by Reading Level", and "2013-14 Information". The text describes the program's goal to promote reading and provides details on how the tests are administered and scored. It also mentions that the program is optional for 2nd through 5th grade and that every student who participates will receive a certificate of achievement.

These books can be checked out from Fry’s library or from a public library. You may even have some in your home libraries. The quizzes, however, can only be taken at school. The books that have the corresponding AR tests are marked in the Fry LMC with a yellow label on the spine of the book.

Who Can Participate?

All students in the 2nd-5th grades are automatically enrolled in this program. First graders will be introduced gradually, in small groups, beginning in November. They will need more guidance than the older children as they need instruction on how to log in to the school computer and navigate the menus and screens to find the correct program for accessing the AR tests.

How is the Program Run?

Students participate in the program by reading an AR book independently and taking its associated quiz on any of the computers in the LMC or in their classroom. Their teacher will provide guidelines as to when and where at school they can take these tests. Students then earn points based on the percentage of correct answers. A minimum of 60% - 70% of the answers must be correct in order for students to earn points. The points are tracked throughout the school year. As an incentive, students are awarded prizes based on the point levels they have reached.

What are the Program Details?

There are seven AR levels that a student can attain. Each level is assigned a certain number of AR points. For each level reached, students will receive a prize. Prizes are awarded at the beginning of each month.

Level	Cumulative Earned Points per Level	
	1 st Grade	2 nd - 5 th Grades
1	5	15
2	15	25
3	25	50
4	30	100
5	35	150
6	50	200
7	75	300

Prizes will likely vary this year from one month to the next and will increase in value as students’ progress through each level. Prizes this year will include various school supply and novelty items, posters and books, pictures with their teacher, and various gift certificates and coupons. At all levels, the students’ names will be placed on the bulletin board in the LMC. Point totals will be tallied on the last school day of each month to determine prize levels reached. Prizes will then be delivered to teachers for distribution to the appropriate students and the bulletin board in the LMC updated.

Encourage Them to Read!

More information is available on the school’s website. If you have any questions, please direct them to:

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Finally, studies show that the more children read the better readers and writers they become. So let’s help them DIVE INTO A GOOD BOOK!