

# Torrance Elementary's Accelerated Reading Program

## It's all about practice...

Accelerated Reading encourages worthwhile differentiated reading practice to create strong readers.

### Our Goal:

#### Develop lifelong readers and learners

In order to make reading a positive experience, it's important to pick books that are interesting to them, and are at the right level for them. Your child might pick a book that's just right – have fun! Enjoy reading! If they pick a book that's a bit challenging, read the book to them. Let them absorb what it's about. The second time, read the book together, and the third time, have your child read the book to you.

### Okay... What do I do to be an Accelerated Reader?

1. Pick a book to read. Actively read that book! Dig in!
2. Now you're ready to take the quiz.
3. Go to our school computer lab *before* school starts and do your best!

### How do I know if the book I'm reading is in the Accelerated Reading Program?

It's easy! Go to the website, **AR BookFinder** for everything you need. The link is [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) or just google AR BookFinder.

Go to the "Quick Search" tab, type the name of the book, or an author's name, or even a topic... Click "Go" and your search begins. Another search you can use is the "**Collections**" tab. This type of search can give you a broad list of books to choose from because it is not limited to a specific title or author. Instead it categorizes books by *Awards*, "*State List*", "*Librarian Picks*" and "*What Kids Are Reading*".

Take advantage of the **AR BookBag** feature. It is a place where you can create your own book list. Keeps you organized!

### What do all those Abbreviations Mean?

#### IL -- "Interest Level"

There are 3 levels:

LG	Lower Grades	Kinder through 3 <sup>rd</sup>
MI	Middle Grades	4 <sup>th</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> RP
UP	Upper Grades	9 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup>

#### AR Pts -- Accelerated Reading Points

#### AR Quiz Types

	Reading Practice
LS	Literary Skills
VP	Vocabulary Practice
	<i>We're working on R P quizzes...</i>

#### BL stands for "Book Level"

This is a readability formula to help choose the best match for your reading level. For example, RPBL: 5.2 means a typical 5<sup>th</sup> grader in the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of school could read this book



## Reader Certification Levels

There are seven reader certifications students can earn.



**Ready Reader:** Read, read, read... Accumulate 5 points and you're a Ready Reader! At this level, books that someone has "*Read To*" you, "*Read With*" you, or you read by yourself, "*Read Independently*", all count towards your 5 points.

**Independent Reader:** Here you need to independently read three books with a 1.2 or higher book level as well as accumulate ten points.

You can do it! You already accumulated 5 pts as a "Ready Reader", so you're half way there! Meet your 3 book goal and earn a total of 10 points...you're set!

**Rising Reader:** Independently read three books with a 1.6 or higher book level and maintain your ten points, and you are a "Rising Reader"!

**Super Reader:** Independently read three books with a 2.0 or higher book level that are each worth *at least* one point.

**Advanced Reader:** Independently read three books with a 3.0 or higher book level that are each worth *at least* two points.

**Star Reader:** Independently read three books with a 4.0 or higher book level that are each worth *at least* four points.

**Classic Reader:** Independently read three books with a 6.0 or higher book level that are each worth *at least* seven points. Wow! You're the tops!

