

New Summer Reading and AR Program Guidelines

We would like to inform you of the recent recommendations made by the ELA Vertical Alignment Committee regarding the Accelerated Reader (AR) program and our Spelling Curriculum.

The ELA Vertical Alignment Committee has decided to discontinue using the ABEKA Spelling, Vocabulary, and Poetry book. Instead, we will develop spelling words that align with the current history, science, and math curricula. This new approach aims to create a more integrated and relevant learning experience for our students. Poetry lessons will be supplemented using other materials within our ELA program.

The AR program will continue, but the point value for each 9-week grading period will be reduced from a test grade to a quiz grade.

These changes aim to enhance the AR program's effectiveness and keep students engaged in reading year-round.

Required Summer Book:

- Students in grades 1-12 must read a designated summer book.
- Instead of AR points, students will have a lesson and a class test or quiz on the book during the first weeks of school.

Other Summer Reading:

- Additional summer reading can count towards the first nine-week AR goal set by teachers at the beginning of school that is due at the end of each nine weeks..
- Students can take tests on these books during the designated summer AR testing dates or throughout the first nine weeks.

Summer AR Testing Dates:

- Lower School Library (Grades 1-5): June 27th, July 18th, 9-11 A.M.
- Upper School Library (Grades 6-8): June 27th, July 18th, 9-11 A.M.

2024-2025 Summer Reading

Lower School Summer Reading:

1st grade - Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Pete the Cat and the Surprise Teacher by James Dean

2nd grade - Henry and Mudge and the Careful Cousin by Cynthia Rylant
Joe and Sparky Go to School by Jamie Michalak

3rd grade - Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli

4th grade - The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

5th grade - James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Middle School Summer Reading:

6th grade - The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

7th grade - Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

8th grade - The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson

High School Summer Reading:

9th Grade - Lord of the Flies by William Golding

10th Grade - To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

11th Grade - Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

12th Grade - The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis