

August 24, 2017



Dear Parents,

At Key Biscayne K-8 Center, we build life-long readers by instilling a love of reading in our students. To accomplish this, our students will participate in the **Accelerated Reader (AR) program** designed to motivate students to read at their independent level utilizing a point system. A motivational system will be established in each grade level class to recognize and reward students meeting goal points every grading period. At the end of the school year, students meeting goal points all grading periods will be recognized at the awards assembly.

At the beginning of the school year, all students will be administered the STAR test to provide a report to determine the student's grade equivalent reading level and ZPD range. This measurement (ZPD) provides the **range** from which the students should be selecting books. Students select and read books from an approved AR, comprehensive reading list. Upon completion of the book, students then take a simple, computerized quiz containing objective questions about details from the book. Students are awarded points based on the length and difficulty of the book, as well as how he or she performed on the quiz.

In addition to motivating students to read, Accelerated Reader provides accountability for student reading. Miami Dade's Comprehensive Research-Based Reading Plan requires **all students to read independently for 30 minutes at home** and in class.

Midway Dates:	Half the Points Required:
09/20/17	8.5
11/29/17	7.0
02/21/18	9.5
05/02/18	10.0

End-of-Quarter Dates:	End-of-Quarter Required Points:
10/26/17	17.0
01/18/18	14.0
03/22/18	19.0
05/31/18	20.0

At any time during the grading period, you can view the AR points your child has earned to ensure that he/she is on target to meet the required points. The following rubric will be used in second grade for the 2017-2018 school year:

Points Earned by Grading Period				Grade	Equivalent
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>		
17.0 pts. or more	18.0 pts. or more	19.0 pts. or more	20.0 pts. or more	A	Excellent
14.0 – 16.9 pts.	16.0 – 17.9 pts.	16.0 – 18.9 pts.	17.0 – 19.9 pts.	B	Good
10.0 – 13.9 pts.	13.0 – 15.9 pts.	14.0 – 16.9 pts.	14.0 – 16.9 pts.	C	Average
8.5 – 9.9 pts.	11.0 – 12.9 pts.	12.0 – 13.9 pts.	13.0 – 13.9 pts.	D	Needs Improvement
8.4 pts. or less	10.9 pts. or less	11.9 pts. or less	12.9 pts. or less	F	Failed to meet requirement

Students are required to read their AR book 30 minutes at home and in class. We ask all parents to assist their child by monitoring the selection of books (appropriate to his/her (ZPD) reading range and maturity level), the pacing of the reading, and ensuring that the student is earning the required points for success in the Accelerated Reader Program. As always, we thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

**Fifth Grade Teachers**



**Accelerated Reader Enterprise Program**

We acknowledge receipt of the AR information and goal point rubric for the 2017-2018 school year.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_