

EL RANCHO CHARTER SCHOOL

# **ACCELERATED READER**

## **2011-2012**

### **REGISTRATION PACKET**

Dear Parents and Students,

The Accelerated Reader (AR) program is a fundamental program within all English classes at El Rancho Charter School. We believe the AR program builds a reading culture throughout our school and makes reading practice more effective for students. The program allows teachers, students, and parents to frequently monitor a child's reading progress and produces the greatest reading improvements. Furthermore, the program encourages progress by:

- Making essential reading practice more effective for every student.
- Personalizing reading practice to each student's current level.
- Assessing students' reading with four types of quizzes: Reading Practice, Vocabulary Practice, Literacy Skills, and Textbook Quizzes.
- Building a lifelong love of reading and learning.
- Allowing students to pick books based on their interests.

Read through the AR Registration packet and complete the 2 attached pages including:

1. AR HOME CONNECT REGISTRATION - Follow the steps and print out page of email setup screen.
2. CODE OF CONDUCT - Both parents and students are required to sign and return to school.

Students will begin taking AR quizzes within the first few weeks of school. We encourage students to review books read over summer to prepare for the quiz. Students must follow all rules on the AR Code of Conduct form while taking the AR quizzes on campus. Keep in mind all AR quizzing must be completed on campus.

Happy Reading,

The English Department  
El Rancho Charter School Library



**Student Login:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Password:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AR Home Connect Web Address:**

<http://erm.orangeusd.org/rp/homeconnect/login.aspx>

Dear Parents and Students:

Our school uses an online feature to the Accelerated Reader program called Home Connect. Home Connect is an easy-to-use web-based program that allows you to monitor and encourage your child's reading practice by viewing progress in the AR programs while outside of school. **Every time a student takes an AR quiz, every listed email address will receive an automatic email with the student quiz results.** This is a fantastic way to stay in direct communication with your child's AR progress through the quarter.

**Home Connect also allows you access from home to:**

- View AR goals and points
- Results of the last quiz taken
- Search books with AR quizzes
- View My Bookshelf which details books on which quizzes have already been taken.

**HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:**

1. Log in to Home Connect and set it as a favorite on your home computer for future access at: <http://erm.orangeusd.org/rp/homeconnect/login.aspx>  
\*\*\*There is also a direct link off of the school library tab.
2. **User name:** student 6 digit ID number  
**Password:** birthdate (EX. April 4, 1995 = 441995)
3. Click **EMAIL SETUP** link at top right of screen.
4. Enter in first email address information. Be sure to type in complete email address.
5. Click Add. The email should show up at the bottom of the screen. Make sure it is correct.
6. Add up to 6 email address for parents, guardians, grandparents, students, etc.
7. Open up the email accounts for those entered into system. Find the invitation email sent by Home Connect in your Inbox. Open email and click on link to activate system.
8. Go back to Home Connect. Click on email setup screen. **Print out page to show the email list entered.** The email addresses should be listed as ACTIVE once link is clicked.
9. **Turn in printed page to your English teacher as a homework assignment due:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\***HINT** - If the Home Connect email doesn't show up in your inbox, check your trash box or to receive automatic emails in your inbox, add [homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com](mailto:homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com) to your online address book.

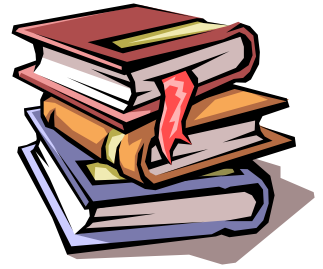
We are confident that you'll find Home Connect to be a valuable tool for monitoring and encouraging your child's reading progress this year. Research confirms that parental involvement in a child's education is a strong predictor of student achievement.

The Home Connect program will begin to send out emails *approximately 2-3 weeks after school begins*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us in the library.

Sincerely,

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# ACCELERATED READER CODE OF CONDUCT



The purpose of the Accelerated Reader program is to encourage reading and improve reading skills. With this in mind, students are expected to follow the rules described below:

## Rules:

1. Students may only take tests on books they have read or that someone has read to them.
2. Students must be alone when taking an AR test. No other students should be viewing or reading your computer screen while in the AR program.
3. Students must have their ASB card on the desktop at all times for identification purposes.
4. Students may not take tests for other students.
5. Students may not discuss or share AR questions/answers with other students. This includes secretly gesturing or signaling answers in any manner to other students taking a test.
6. Absolutely NO TALKING is allowed.
7. Students should not reveal their password to anyone other than a parent or teacher.
8. Students may not have any books or papers out while taking an AR test.
9. When a school staff member enters the quiz password, all students must look away from computer. Should the password be learned, students must report it immediately to a teacher or staff member.
10. Any action or behavior that may compromise the integrity of the AR program, either individually or school-wide, will result in administrative action.

## Consequences

Behavior	Consequence
(1) Talking during AR test	No points for that test.
(2) No ID card	No points for that test.
(3) Taking a test for someone <b>OR</b> having someone else take one for you.	ICE suspension. No AR points for the quarter. No movie goal for the quarter.
(4) Cheating by giving out <b>OR</b> sharing AR questions/answers.	ICE suspension. No AR points for the quarter. No movie goal for the quarter.
(5) Acquiring/using/distributing the staff password	AT HOME suspension. No AR points for the quarter. No movie goal for the quarter. May be referred to Student Placement Committee.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_