Library Corner

news from the lower campus library

Let's Read!

As we turn the page into a new year of reading, I'm looking forward to welcoming ALL Vermilion Catholic students into the library this school year!

Readers from PreK through 12th grade will visit the library on the lower campus.

With your encouragement and support, your child will develop a love for learning and a life-long passion for the written word.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns regarding the library or Accelerated Reader program.

Sincerely,

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Accelerated Reader for 2023-24

The Accelerated Reader (AR) digital platform software is utilized to encourage independent student reading while monitoring growth performance.

Grades 1-8
Quarterly STAR reading assessments will identify and formulate each student's personalized and tailored reading level and range. Students will work towards their individualized point goal each quarter. First grade students will join the AR program as the year progresses.

Grades 5-8
AR will be monitored and incorporated into the ELA grade. Percentages from both comprehension and individualized goal completion will be combined to determine the grade. AR will be graded for 5th grade AR beginning in January.

New This Year - Optional AR Testing for High Schoolers!
In an effort to encourage high school students to continue to grow in reading achievement and independent reading, high school students have the option to AR test to receive an extra grade in ELA. High school students who earn 8 or more AR points will receive an extra 50/50 ELA grade each quarter.

In addition class library visits, all VC students are welcome in the lower campus library daily from 7:10-7:30 a.m. for book checkout and AR quizzing.

Celebrating Our Readers

Quarterly AR celebrations will be held to reward those students who reach point goals. Students who reach the majority of their goals will be invited to Watermania in May.

Quarterly top readers in each grade level will be recognized during morning announcements. Overall Top Reader Awards will be given to one student from each grade level at the conclusion of the school year.

Students who read over one million words will join the AR Millionaires Club.

Library Dates to Note

October 9, 2023
Last day to AR test for the 1st quarter

November 13-17, 2023
Scholastic Book Fair

December 21, 2023
Last day to AR test for the 2nd quarter

March 15, 2024
Last day to AR test for the 3rd quarter

May 10, 2024
Last day to AR test for the 4th quarter

May 17, 2024
Tentative date for Watermania

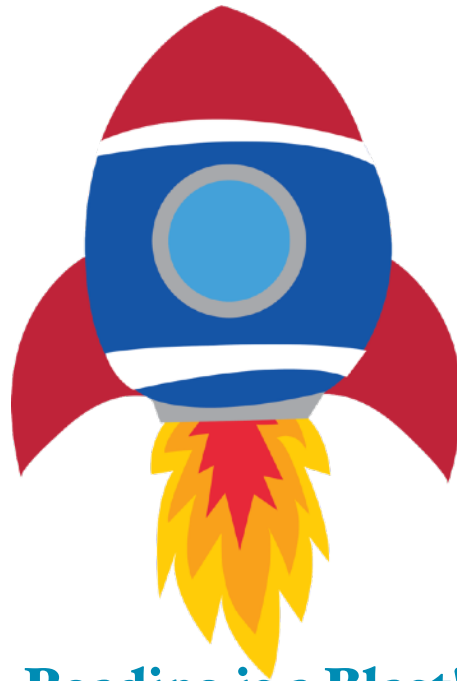## Parent & Student Resources

AR Bookfinder

Students may read and test on any book that is listed in the AR database, including books from home, public library or our school library. Visit www.arbookfinder.com to verify the existence of an AR test.

Points Scan app

Points Scan is a smart phone app that allows you to scan a book's barcode with your camera to instantly connect to AR information, including point value and reading level.

AR Home Connect

You can follow your student's AR progress and sign up for email notifications when your student completes a quiz or STAR assessment by logging into AR Home Connect using your student's AR username and password found on his/her personal login sticker.

Reading is a Blast!