

Saint John the Baptist Elementary
Skaggs Catholic Center, LLC
2018-2019 School Year

WHAT: Summer 2018 Accelerated Reader (AR) – *Where Will Reading Take You This Summer?*

WHO: SJB Elementary Students (**Entering Grades 2-5**)

WHEN: Tuesday, June 5 – Thursday, August 2, 2018

WHERE: Saint John the Baptist Elementary's Library

WHY: Students need a break from the classroom, but not from learning. The amount of time a student spends reading during the summer months directly impacts his/her academic performance when school resumes. Research has repeatedly shown that students who read during the summer months typically outperform students that do not read. In fact, students who do not read during the summer may regress as much as a year in their academic performance. This regression is often referred to as the "summer slide." In order to avoid the effects of the "summer slide," all students, grades 2-5, are strongly encouraged to participate in Summer Accelerated Reader (AR). The purpose of the program is to encourage students to meet the schoolwide learning expectation of being lifelong learners and to help students maintain and improve upon the reading skills that they have developed. Saint John the Baptist Elementary uses Accelerated Reader both as a reading incentive program and as a tool for comprehension. Accelerated Reader challenges all readers – from the novice to the most advanced bookworm – to read quality literature at their own level. **Saint John the Baptist Elementary's library will be open during Summer Accelerated Reader for students to check out books. Points earned this summer will count toward the students' 2018-2019 Point Club status!**

NEXT STEPS:

- **Complete the Summer Accelerated Reader Goal sheet and return it to SJB Elementary.**
 - Parents: Please review, if necessary, the *Parents' Guide to Accelerated Reader* and ...
 - bring your child to SJB Elementary when he/she is ready to take an Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz.
 - monitor your son/daughter's progress, quiz scores and bookshelf (books that he/she has read and taken quizzes on) through the Renaissance Home Connect link, which can be found on the MY SJB page of SJB Elementary's website. (Username = First Name Last Name (nikkiward); Password = 1234).
 - Note: Quality reading is indicated by an average quiz score of 85-92%. If your son/daughter is consistently achieving less than 85%, then the books he/she is reading are too difficult. If your son/daughter is consistently scoring above 92%, encourage him/her to read more difficult books.
 - Remember! Your son/daughter should read books within his/her Lexile ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development).
- Students: Read! Then ask your parents to bring you to SJB Elementary to take AR quizzes. **See the attached calendar for days and times that the school will be open to take quizzes.** Your username is your First Name Last Name (nikkiward) and your password is 1234.
- SJB Elementary's administration will monitor the students' goal from June 5 – August 2, 2018.
 - **Students who meet their Summer AR goal will be recognized individually and receive a Free Dress Coupon ... and to create a friendly, spirited contest, students will be competing against other grades (2-5) for the highest participation.**
 - The top grade will be announced on the first day of school, Monday, August 13, 2018, and be recognized with "Breakfast in the Classroom" on Friday, August 17, 2018.

**For questions during the summer, please email
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