

# Accelerated Reader & Renaissance Home Connect

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Greetings Grizzly Families,

I have provided the following information to become more familiar with Accelerated Reader (AR) and Renaissance Home Connect. Please take a moment to read through my letter below and the attached forms.

***Introducing You to Accelerated Reader.*** The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to the AR program, in which all students at SCMS participate. This is a great program using computerized quizzes to help students and teachers alike determine how well students understand what they read. The following information is attached:

1. ***"Renaissance Home Connect"*** You may keep tabs on your child's progress through Renaissance Home Connect. I encourage you and your child to monitor progress and set goals throughout the grading period. You will need the username and password listed on the form to gain access to the site.



2. ***STAR Reading "Student Diagnostic Report"*** If your student attended Spencer County Public Schools last year you may remember the AR program. Students take a computerized test called STAR Reading during language arts class to determine their reading levels, or grade equivalent (GE) score. This works by giving the student a number that represents his or her reading level. For example, a student who has a GE score of 7.8 reads at the level of a seventh grader in their eighth month of school.

3. ***"Accelerated Reader Goal Setting"*** (Please detach and sign the designated area on this form and attach to the agenda by Thursday, September 3rd.) A point goal is set for each student to reach every 9 week grading period based on the reading grade equivalent and reading 30 minutes each night. This, along with the percentage your student gets correct on quizzes, determines the AR grades for the 9 weeks. At the end of the 9 week grading period students will have two test grades for AR- 1) The percent of AR points met out of their goal and 2) AR quiz average.

Thanks,

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