

Dear Parents of Sacred Heart Readers,

We want to encourage each and every child at Sacred Heart School to read this summer.

The ability to read is the number one indicator of academic success. We purchased the Accelerated Reader program this past year to supplement our regular reading programs in hopes that it would encourage and challenge your child to read and read a variety of books.

Reading books at their own level is the best way to have children progress as readers. While earning points is not the main focus of the AR program, the end result is measured in points. (Remember, points are based on the number of words read.) We tried to encourage children to read books and take tests on a regular basis throughout the school year. As these points accumulated, we recognized the students' progress on a special display outside the cafeteria. Congratulations to those readers who met their goals each month and who accomplished their personal goals by moving their books to the next bookcase!

We are excited to announce that students will be able to continue to take AR tests this summer at the Wadsworth Public Library. Here are the steps:

1. Read a book (or two, or three!)
2. Go to the Wadsworth Library with your library card (If you do not have one, it takes less than 10 minutes to get one.)
3. Go to a computer and access the internet. It will take you to the library's homepage.
4. Click on the "Children's" tab on the left sidebar.
5. Click on the "Sacred Heart Accelerated Reading" tab on the left sidebar.
6. Use the user name and password from this past school year.

(If you do not remember yours, please politely ask the librarian for help. They have a list of all the Sacred Heart students and their information.)

7. Take the test!

8. Repeat steps 1 through 7.

Congratulations! You are on your way to becoming a better reader! Your teacher in the fall will receive a report with the information for this “Summer Session” of Accelerated Reader and you will be acknowledged at our “Summer Homework” assembly. Happy Reading!

(Note: Wadsworth Public Library is the *only* location that has access to AR tests.)