**Accelerated Reader (AR) Requirements**

**For St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Jr. High**

Every quarter each grade is responsible for earning points by reading and taking quizzes through our AR program. The sixth grade is responsible for earning 18 points, the seventh grade is to earn 23 points, and eighth grade will need to earn 28 points.

Students must choose books that are at a 4.5 grade level or above. Students need to be sure that these books are labeled with an MG which indicates that the content of the book is at the middle grade level or an UG which indicates that the content of the book is at the upper grade level. If a student wants to read a book that is lower than 4.5 grade level they must ask for Mrs. Nichter’s permission BEFORE reading the book.

Parents will be responsible for providing their student with the proper AR books. This can be done through the use of the Allen County Public Library. Our school library may also be used. Also, students may check out books from Mrs. Nichter’s own classroom library. Students may check to see if their book is an AR book by using this web site; [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)

Students will not be able to read any books that are on Mrs. Nichter’s Do Not Read list. These book are used in literature class as part of the curriculum. *See the reverse side of this letter for the list*.

Students will be asked to take an AR test over any novels we read as a class. Their points on these AR quizzes WILL NOT go toward their overall AR quarter total; however their grade on these quizzes will go toward their literature grade. It will be counted as a test grade. Students may take a quiz over their summer reading novel and those points CAN GO toward their AR quarter total.

I will print off an AR mid-term check when progress reports are sent home. This will allow parents to monitor their child’s progress. If at any point parents would like to check with me on their child’s progress they can send me a note, an email, or call and leave me a message at school.

Throughout the school year **students are to keep their AR book with them at all times.** Not just when they are in Language/Literature classes. This will allow students to be able to read when they have some down time during class. If students do not have an AR book to read during class they will be considered not prepared for class and will lose a conduct point.

If students have earned all their points for the quarter they are still required to have an AR book with them at all times.

Reading is an important part of your child’s education. Being a fluent reader will only help your child throughout his or her educational career. One way to accomplish this is through frequent reading and reading of all different genres. Knowing how important reading is, we as a school have included reading into our school improvement plan. Part of this plan is to include reading across the curriculum for grades K-8.

Lastly, **all AR points must be in one week before the end of the quarter.**

Thank you for helping aid us in making reading an important part of your child’s education.

Any questions please call the school or send an email.(639-3680)

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