

HOUma CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING



SECOND THROUGH SIXTH GRADE

Houma Christian School is excited to announce that we will be utilizing Renaissance Accelerated Reader for summer reading beginning with summer 2021.

This program uses the student's current reading levels to personalize reading goals. With this built in differentiation feature, the AR program allows students to read books at their individual zone of proximal development, or ZPD.

Your child will use our AR website to take tests:
<https://global-zone05.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1643493>

Your child may also check progress toward their goal on the AR website once they've logged in.

This is the same AR program we have used throughout the school year. Below you will find important information to make this as seamless as possible. Of course, if you have any questions regarding summer reading you may email admin@houmachristianschool.com.

Students will read and complete the comprehension tests. As students test, they earn points toward their reading goal. Please note that points toward the goal and accuracy will be used to determine summer reading grades. Students are expected to meet their points goal at 100% and maintain accuracy of 85% or better.

Summer reading is an extension of learning at Houma Christian School. We ask that all books be appropriate and morally upstanding.

Website to Test: <https://global-zone05.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1643493>

AR Book Find:

<https://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx>

Summer Reading How-to:

1. Review the attached report and make note of your child's Summer Reading AR Allocation.

2. Choose books to read. Use the AR Bookfinder website:

<https://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx> to make sure the book is within your child's ZPD. This is located in row 4 of the student detail report. If you did not receive the report, then it is also listed on your child's homepage once he or she logs in to Renaissance.

3. Read the book.

4. Log in to AR Home Connect: <https://global-zone05.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1643493>

5. Take the quiz and then repeat. Make sure you are evaluating your goals and working to meet your goal with better than 85% accuracy.



FAQs

How do I know what to read? There are a few ways to find a book that is in the AR program (most books are, so this is usually not a problem). Log into STAR with your normal username and password.

How can I see if a book is on my level? You can use AR Bookfinder.

Simply type in the title of a book you are interested in reading and look it up here: <https://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx>

Where do I go to find books? Many of the books you have at home are AR books. Additionally, the public library is an AR book site, and their books are coded with the AR level in the online card catalog. Membership to the library is free and the card catalog can be found by clicking here: <https://mytpl.org/>. You can even reserve books online and drive through the main branch to pick them up.

I am new to Houma Christian School? How do I know what to read? All incoming students will have their username and password mailed to them. They are to take the STAR Reading test from home BEFORE June 15th. This will provide the goal for summer reading. The student will use the username and password provided to work toward their goal over the summer.

How do I take an AR Test? Once you have read the book, log into your STAR account. Choose Take a Quiz. Type in the title of your book. When the title shows up, make sure the correct author is listed. Sometimes, there are several books with the same title. Take Quiz. Choose the appropriate box: I was read to, I read with someone, or I read by myself. Start Quiz. Rate the book, and then your score will show up. From here, you can review a TOPS report to see your progress towards your goal. '

Are we allowed to read articles to meet our summer reading goals? No. All summer reading goals must be met through reading actual books. Books may be read digitally or in paper form.

Reminder: You can only take an AR quiz once on a book. So, if you have taken a quiz on this book in the past, then you must choose a new book. Also, you are not allowed to take a quiz on a book read during the school year with your teacher as part of your goal.

How will my grade be calculated? Each student in grades 2nd-6th receives a 50-point summer reading grade for the first nine weeks. This grade will be determined using the percent of goal met and percent of accuracy. If a child meets their goal at 100% and maintains greater than 85% accuracy, then they will receive the full 50 points on their summer reading grade. Some other scenarios are listed below:



GOAL ACCURACY GRADE

100%	↔	85%	↔	50A
100%	↔	70%	↔	46B
90%	↔	85%	↔	45B
90%	↔	70%	↔	44B
80%	↔	85%	↔	45B
80%	↔	70%	↔	41C

