

ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

ACCELERATED READER NEWS

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Dear Odyssey Families,

Thank you for helping to make the launch of the Accelerated Reader (AR) Program such a great success! The Odyssey PTO also deserves a special thank you for funding the AR Program and incentives—their support is appreciated by the students and staff. Currently, the first marking period of AR has an abundance of student participation. Second grade is leading the pack for participation, with fifth grade on its coattails. Please encourage your children to keep reading and taking quizzes on books within their ZPD Range. Taking quizzes within their range is the key to continued success with AR. Check out the news below for updates on the AR Program. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at Jennifer.leitner@odyssey.k12.de.us or by phone at 302-655-5760. Thank you for your continued support of this fantastic reading program!

Meet At the Fall Heorte (Festival)



The Fall Heorte and festival will be held on Friday, October 7th. Students who have reached Mount Olympus (100% of their AR goal with an average of 85% on quizzes) will be entitled to cash out for a ticket to this event. The event will occur in the Upper School gym from 6pm-7:30pm. Students will have the opportunity to travel from vendor to vendor sampling the wares. We will have face painting, balloon animals, photo booths, games, and fun worthy of Gods and Goddesses.

As the students move through the "Greek Monster" challenges, they will receive small prizes, weekly recognition on our Monday morning announcements, and they will move their Name Icon on the bulletin board.

The students will climb the mountains to reach Mount Olympus.



Students should be checking out at least one AR book every week during Library. They should carry their AR book everywhere.

MARKING PERIOD PRIZE INFORMATION

Mount Olympus: 100% of AR Goal and 85% average on quizzes

- Gods & Goddesses for the day
- Raffle ticket for Kindle Fire (end of year)
- Choose one of the following
 - Attend Marking Period Party
 - Headmaster for a period
 - Gift card for Scholastic



Hydra: 80% of AR Goal and 85% average on quizzes

Cyclops: 60% of AR Goal and 85% average on quizzes

Medusa: 40% of AR Goal and 85% average on quizzes

Minotaur: 25% of AR Goal and 85% average on quizzes

The AR goals were set based on a student's performance on the STAR reading test. Students will move levels based on their goals and scores on the quizzes. The 85% is an average of all quizzes the students take during a marking period.



THE READING LOG IS FOR THE STUDENT'S BENEFIT. IT HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS/HER OWN PERFORMANCE. IT IS ALSO USEFUL IN TRACKING TRENDS... IF A STUDENT IS NOT DOING WELL ON QUIZZES WE CAN LOOK A LOG AND SEE WHERE HE/SHE SHOULD SPEND ADDITIONAL TIME. PARENTS MAY GUIDE STUDENTS WITH THIS; HOWEVER IT IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE OWNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY.

THE TESTING LOG IS FOR TEACHERS TO TRACK THE STUDENT'S READINESS TO TAKE TESTS. IDEALLY MOST STUDENTS SHOULD BE TAKING 1 - 2 TESTS PER WEEK. AS THE STUDENTS GET OLDER, THE BOOKS GET LONGER AND MORE CHALLENGING. THIS WILL IMPACT THEIR TEST TAKING. THE BENEFIT IS THESE BOOKS ALSO ARE WORTH MORE POINTS (STUDENTS WILL ACHIEVE GOALS FASTER). THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO EVERY RULE...



Reminder...
You can find books on
www.arbookfind.com (if the book
is not listed it is not AR)

Students will set AR goals each marking period; however ZPDs will only change with STAR testing (3x a year - next will be midyear).

Students may use E-readers on their school's designated AR day (US/Fri & LS/Mon). They may only read AR books on the E-reader during designated time and if found using for other purposes, the student will lose this privilege.

