

**ACCELERATED READER POLICY
NORTHLAND CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2009-2010**

Northland Christian School will be using the Accelerated Reader online program as a tool for encouraging the love of reading and to help children become better readers.

- 1) All students will be assessed each term (more often if necessary) by using the STAR assessment tool.
- 2) STAR assessment results will be used to match students with correct book levels.
- 3) Teachers will work with each student to arrive at an individualized goal that is reasonable and achievable.
- 4) Teachers will inform parents what each child's goal is.
- 5) If a student meets his/her goal, parents are encouraged to provide a reward at home.
- 6) All Accelerated Reader tests may be accessed and taken online from any computer with Internet Access.
- 7) At the teacher's discretion, some AR tests may be required to be taken on a classroom computer.
- 8) Each student will be given an AR rocket to be put on the AR bulletin board in the classroom.
- 9) Depending upon the child's reading level (based on the STAR assessment), he or she will move up rocket levels in accordance with the preset numbers for the particular grade level assessed by STAR. Students reading at 5th grade level or above will be required to meet the preset numbers for 5th grade level to move their rockets up on the board. For example, a **4th grade** student who has been assessed by STAR as reading on **3rd grade** level, will need to earn the points required for the **third grade** preset levels in order to move up on the board. On the other hand, students will **not** be required to earn points and move up based on any preset level above their physical grade level. For example, a first grader reading at third grade level would **not** have to earn the third grade preset goal to move up or earn medals.
- 10) Students may read books at the predetermined level to earn points for advancing in levels.
- 11) Books for tests may be read to the child, with the child, or read independently.
- 12) Gold, silver and bronze levels will be awarded at the end of the year to all students reaching that particular level within their ability.
- 13) STAR assessment results should remain as confidential as possible in order to maintain student privacy.**