

Dear Parents,

We would like to update all parents and students on AR and library policies for this school year.

- ❖ Please notify teacher and librarians if your child has special reading needs. We will be happy to accommodate their reading levels for AR tests and books that will best suit their needs. We have books for upper level grades (4th - 6th) that are especially made for students with reading difficulties.
- ❖ Each grade has reading levels that are determined for that grade.
- ❖ There are two separate AR goals:
 - One for the classroom
 - One for the library
- ❖ Parents may sit in the lounge area during testing
- ❖ No one except the student testing may be near the computers - this is to encourage independent reading
- ❖ The library will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.
- ❖ Please check the "**Home Connect**" page to keep track of your child's reading goals and progress.
- ❖ One book may be checked out at a time

AR Honor Code for Midland Christian School:

To help maintain the atmosphere of mutual trust and confidence among students and teachers, and to ensure that each student is judged solely according to his/her own merits, **Midland Christian School** has established the following Honor Code.

No student will unfairly advance his/her own performance in the Accelerated Reader program.

Midland Christian firmly believes in this Honor Code. The student and parent signing this pledge confirm his/her belief in the Honor Code, and therefore he/she is expected to report suspected violations of the Honor Code. These rules to be followed are:

- Taking your own AR test
- Taking a test alone at the computers with no other person around you
- Each child is to read their own book independently
- Tests are to be taken at school during school hours

The following are examples of what the school will consider as cheating:

- Giving or receiving questions or answers for an AR test, or in any way cheating on an AR test
- Using Cliff notes, Spark notes, classic comic books, movies, audio version of a book, videos or any shortened or abridged versions of the books on the AR program
- Using any means besides reading the full, unabridged version of the book to pass an AR test

An academic **Honor System** secures for the students' freedoms, conveniences, and privileges that would otherwise not be possible. It creates an atmosphere for learning without the constant surveillance that would otherwise be necessary. The system requires all students to accept the responsibility of maintaining the standards of the school. Thus, each student must accept the responsibility of the **Honor System** in order to use the program.

Any member of the school suspecting a violation may:

- a) Confront the student of the violation and see that this person reports himself/herself
- b) Report violator to the teacher or principal

A willful violation of the **Honor Code** results in the suspension of the student from the Accelerated Reader program for a period of time determined by the principal.

Pledge and Reaffirmation:

I hereby state that I understand the **Honor Code** with regard to the use of the ***Accelerated Reader*** program. I understand that cheating is wrong and will result in suspension from participation in the AR program for a determined time set by the principal.

Student signature _____

Date _____

I as the parent/guardian of the above student agree with the AR program rules and pledge.

Parent signature _____

Date _____