



# Bentsen Elementary

## Accelerated Reader Program

### (AR)

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of AR to help motivate students to read more books at an appropriate level of difficulty that will encourage and challenge their reading ability.



#### **What is Accelerated Reader?**

Accelerated Reader is a computer base, reading management and motivational system designed to encourage students to read. Each student is given an individual reading goal based on their reading abilities. Student's reading ability is based on their reading grade equivalent (GE) score from the STAR Reading test. The GE score is used to determine each student's zone of proximal development (ZPD) range which is used to determine the level of book difficulty for the students.

#### **Goal Setting**

Bentsen Elementary uses both a 30-minute AR daily practice and the student's ZPD to determine a student's six-week point goal. Example, a student with a 2.5 ZPD would have a point goal of 5.5 points. This is determine by using an AR Goal-Setting Chart.

#### **Color Code Book System**

Books in the library have a color label located on the book's spine which indicates the level of difficulty or ZPD.

#### **Color Code**

Orange	0-.9
Blue	1.0-1.9
Red	2.0-2.9
Green	3.0-3.9
Brown	4.0-4.9
Yellow	5.0-5.9
Purple	6.0-6.9+