

# The 10 Book Reading Challenge

## Washington's 2017 Accelerated Reader Program

Dear Parents/Guardians:

George Washington Elementary School is ready for the 2017 Accelerated Reader Program (AR) to begin. The program will run from Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. During the AR time frame, we are asking students to take on **The 10 Book Challenge** by reading and passing AR quizzes on ten AR books at, or above, a child's indicated book level. Students will be recognized for their participation through a display in the front lobby of the school. All students who complete **The 10 Book Challenge** will be included in special drawings at the conclusion of the program.

Additionally, a second, and completely optional, component of AR this year includes having students complete a **Reading Bingo Board** at home. There is some real incentive for students to get a cover-all Bingo, as a completed Bingo Board acts as a **raffle ticket** for a **chance to Silly String Mr. Pearson!**

To see if a book is available in the AR Program before your child reads it, you can access AR's expansive list at [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com). You can complete a Quick Search or Advanced Search to find titles, authors, and book levels in the AR Program. Students are encouraged to read books at or above a certain Accelerated Reader Book Level (AR BL).

**First** - no book level \* **Second** - 1.5 AR BL \* **Third** - 2.5 AR BL \* **Fourth** - 3.5 AR BL

After thoroughly reading a book, computerized testing will take place on a school computer, Chromebook, or iPad to track student progress. Students can take, at the teacher's discretion, tests during their scheduled computer lab times or in their classrooms, utilizing Chromebooks (grades 2, 3 and 4) or the school's iPads (grade 1). While the **AR Reading Log** will be provided for students at school, it can also be downloaded from George Washington's homepage.

Research has shown that, in conjunction with regular classroom instruction, this program positively impacts student achievement and attitude towards reading. We know that the Accelerated Reader Program will help develop the necessary skills needed for our students to become successful and independent readers. Thank you for supporting this valuable reading program.

Sincerely,

Mr. Pearson

and the George Washington Staff

