Renaissance Learning Q & A

What is Renaissance Learning?

Renaissance Learning is a Reading Comprehension Program consisting of STAR Reading and Accelerated Reader (AR)

What is STAR Reading?

➢STAR Reading is a computer program that through a series of questions determines a student's reading level

➢STAR Reading self adjusts based on correct or incorrect answers resulting in a reading level (e.g., 4.1 = 4th Grade, Month 1)

➢Students in Grades 2-6 STAR test at the beginning of each Trimester

➢Students in Grades K and 1 STAR test based on teacher discretion

➢First test taken starts all students right below grade current level

➢Subsequent tests start just below previous trimester STAR result

What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

➤ AR is a computer based program that tests a student's level of comprehension of a book read

➤ Depending on book level, tests have been 5 and 10 questions

➤ Students need 80% correct or better to pass the test

➤ *Tests must be taken on campus during school hours*

What is PreAR?

➢Students in Grades K and 1st may participate in a program called PreAR

➢PreAR is for emerging readers and involves sight word mastery

➢As students progress through PreAR with their teachers, teachers may decide to STAR test or simply allow students who are ready to take AR tests on reading level appropriate books

What are AR Goals?

➢When a student takes a STAR test each trimester, the system determines a reading level range (e.g., 3.2 – 4.8)

➢Teachers use the AR system to generate a point goal for each student factoring in reading level, number of minutes a student should read per day (generally 20 to 30 minutes) and 80% or better accuracy

➢PTA offers incentives to students who meet or exceed their goals each trimester and an assembly is held at the end of the year recognizing the students who achieved their goals (both AR and PreAR) for the entire school year
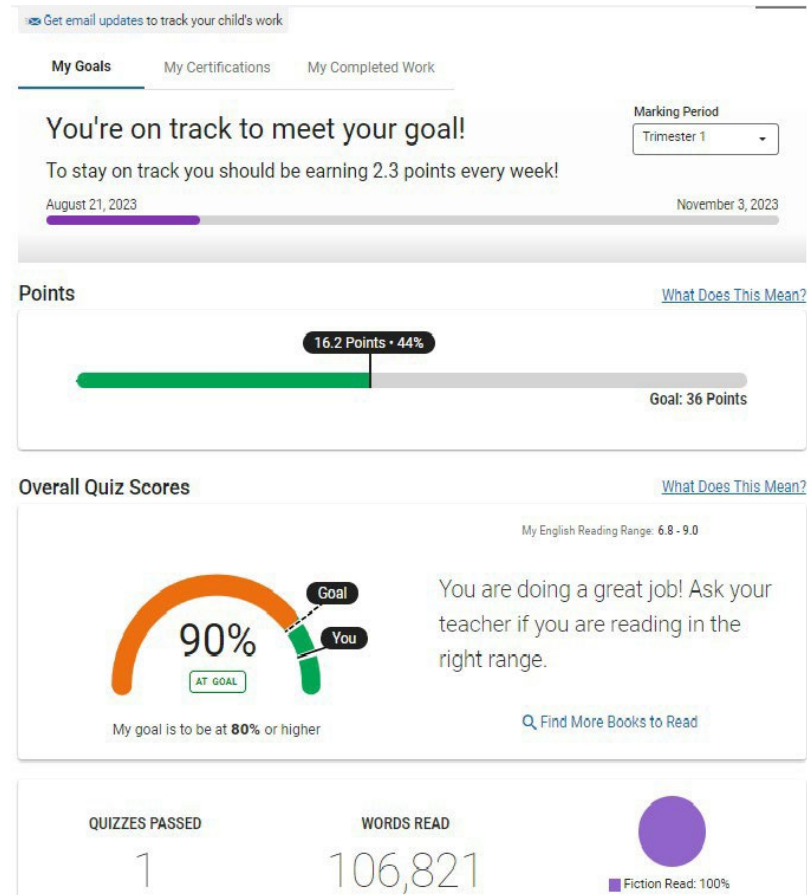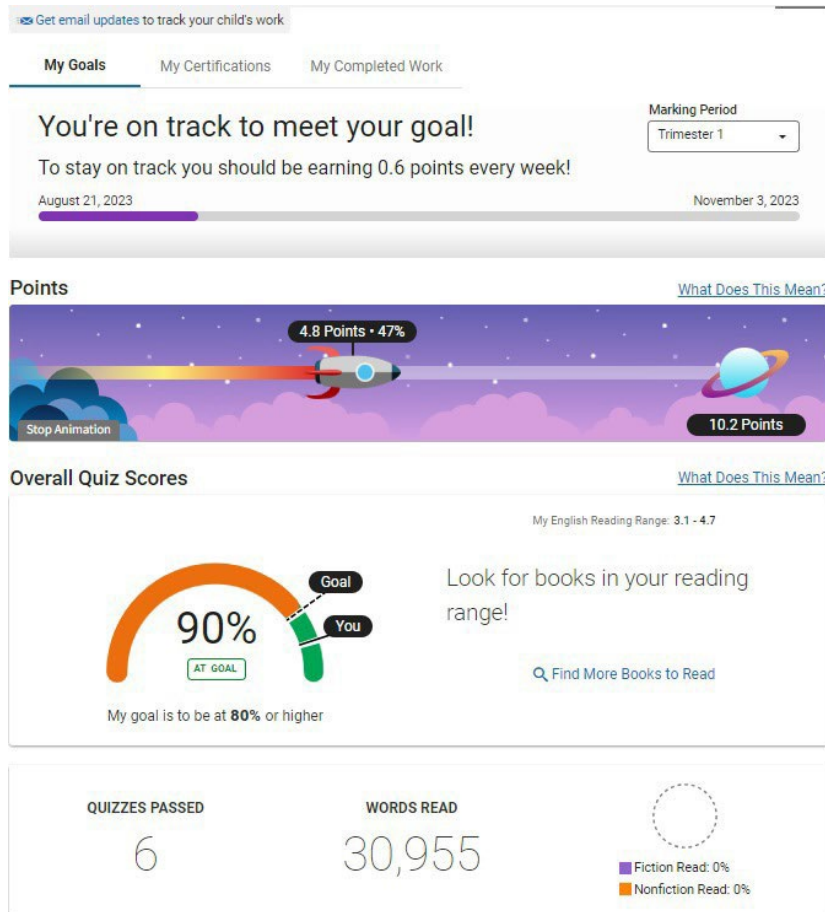
How Do I Know if a Book is an AR Book?

➢ Most OH library books are coded with AR book levels along with number of AR points

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➢ www.arbookfind.com

How Can I Monitor My Students Progress?

➢Renaissance Learning Parent Home Connect

➢https://global-zone50.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=2181071

➢Log on using Student's AR credentials supplied by teacher on Home Connect Letter

➢Sign Up for Email Updates Through Home Connect

What Can I See on Home Connect?

How Can I Help My Child Succeed?

➢ Monitor progress through Home Connect

➢ Encourage reading at home

➢ Ask your child questions about the book being read