For my purposes, taking A.R. quizzes is not at all about the score. I will simply use them as a way of monitoring how much reading each student is doing. The amount of A.R. points collected is what I will be focused on.

The A.R. company has placed a point value on every book in its database. The point value assigned to the book is based on its length, the difficulty of its vocabulary, etc.

I will require every student to get at least 20 A.R. points for Term 1 (between Sept. and mid-Dec.).

Books from home, or borrowed from the public library, will not, of course, have an A.R. label, but usually they will exist in the A.R. database, so students can still take a quiz at school to increase their collection of points.

A.R. quizzes can only be taken at the school site during school hours (the software is a web-based application that is site-specific).

Please ensure that your child does a minimum of 20 minutes of reading (or being read to) every week day after school hours, and definitely on the weekend as well. I tend not to send much homework, partly because I know the absolute importance of READING, and I want students at this age to make time to read lots of things that interest them.

Yours, etc.,

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