Welcome to the Saints Accelerated Reader Program
2011 - 2012
3rd – 8th Grade

St. Bonaventure School uses Renaissance Learning (**www.renlearn.com**) software applications for Accelerated Reader. Your student is tested for their ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) using STAR Reader Diagnostic software. This ZPD is used to help the student select books at a successful reading level. The ZPDs are held on file in the library; you may check on your student's ZPD at any time. If you would like to have your student retested, please contact their homeroom teacher or the digital literacy teachers. STAR Reader Diagnostic testing is only done in the computer lab each trimester. This computerized reading enrichment program is individualized, allowing each student to move at his or her own pace and level of ability. We value this program and its success rate so much that the Accelerated Reader program is required school wide and is incorporated into the student's reading grade. Points required for each grade are as follows:

Grade 1 - 10 points (1 point the 1st trimester, 3 points the 2nd trimester and 6 points the 3rd trimester)

Grade 2 - 15 points (5 points a trimester)	Grade 3 – 24 points (8 points a trimester)
Grade 4 - 27 points (9 points a trimester)	Grade 5 – 33 points (11 points a trimester)
Grade 6 – 36 points (12 points a trimester)	Grade 7 – 48 points (16 points a trimester)
Grade 8 – 54 points (18 points a trimester)	

Trimester Dates: November 23rd, March 9th, June 15th

As parents, you can support this program by helping your student select books from the Accelerated Reader book list. Sign on to the school web site, **www.stbonaventureschool.org** to search a book title or print a book list by reading level. The Accelerated Reader list can be viewed or printed by author, title, or reading level range (ZPD range). The Accelerated Reader Honor Code and prize information will be posted in the family section of the website.

Goal

The goal of this program is to increase your student's reading comprehension and reading level. Their growth is reflected in their ZPD range. Your student will become a better reader, which will help them become a better student.

Quizzes and Earned Points

The Accelerated Reader quiz assesses the reader's comprehension. Points your student earns are based on the point value of the book and the score on the quiz. For example, if your student earns 100% on the test for a 1 point book, your student earns 1 point. If the test score is 80% (missing one question) your student earns .8 points. The Accelerated Reader program keeps track of the student's performance.

Prizes and Incentives

We have planned special prizes to encourage students to read and participate in the Accelerated Reader program. A copy of the prizes is included in this packet.

Parents

Parents are key motivators and essential for the success of this program. Please encourage your student to read, and stay in touch with this exciting program and your student's progress. Together, we can get our students to enjoy reading and become life-long learners, one of the School-Wide Learning Expectations. Parents and students can now view goals, results of the last quiz taken and overall progress using the new **Home Connect™** feature. An information sheet is included in this packet.

Library

Our school library is for the students. Parents may not check out books.

Forms

Please return the Honor Code (5th Grade and New Students), Reading and Content Levels (4th and 5th Grade) by September 6, 2011 or the student will not be allowed to take Accelerated Reader quizzes until the forms are received.