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Resources for Educators
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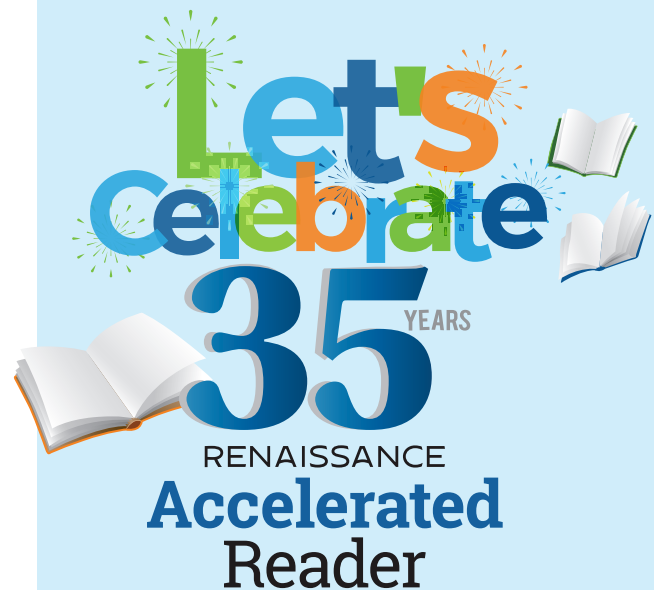
We hope you are as excited as we are to launch the new school year!

This kit is designed to support your efforts and save valuable time as you chart a plan for encouraging students' at-home reading practice. On the following pages, you'll find getting started tips and information for you, along with engagement resources for students and families.

Fun, themed activities and materials for younger and older students, regardless of reading ability, are included—along with letters to share with families, bookmarks, achievement/success celebration templates, and more.

Whatever your students' prior experiences with Accelerated Reader, there is sure to be something here to inspire their further exploration. And we will be right here with you as you guide their reading adventures this year!

The Renaissance Team



Since it launched in 1986, Accelerated Reader has helped thousands of teachers and librarians to spark a love of reading in their students, and it continues to have an impact across the globe. Today, many educators who used Accelerated Reader (AR) when they were students themselves are leading their own students to achieve their reading goals with AR.

Over the past 35 years, AR has changed its look and migrated from CDs to the web. But it is still the same great tool, helping students become explorers of the world around them through that next great read.

Together, let's celebrate the achievements of students everywhere whose reading adventures have been boosted with this groundbreaking resource!



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[Renaissance Royals](#) invites pre-K–12 educators who use Renaissance products to connect with other educators, learn and share knowledge/information, and have some fun along the way.

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I love reading others' thoughts, opinions, trials, and errors with using the products. It is also fun to collect points and get prizes that I can share with my students (especially the books).

Lauren T. – Texas



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National Honor Roll is designed to help guide educators with bite-sized implementation strategies for Renaissance products that research has shown result in greater student growth.

Educators who earn National Honor Roll receive achievement kits that include a pennant/banner, customizable student and teacher certificates, recognition on our website, and more.

[Learn more](#) and get started today!



By participating in National Honor Roll, I feel more confident in using the reports and resources that Renaissance provides. I also love the motivation it gives me to monitor my students and the goals they are working towards because of this extra incentive it provides!

Megan G. – Louisiana

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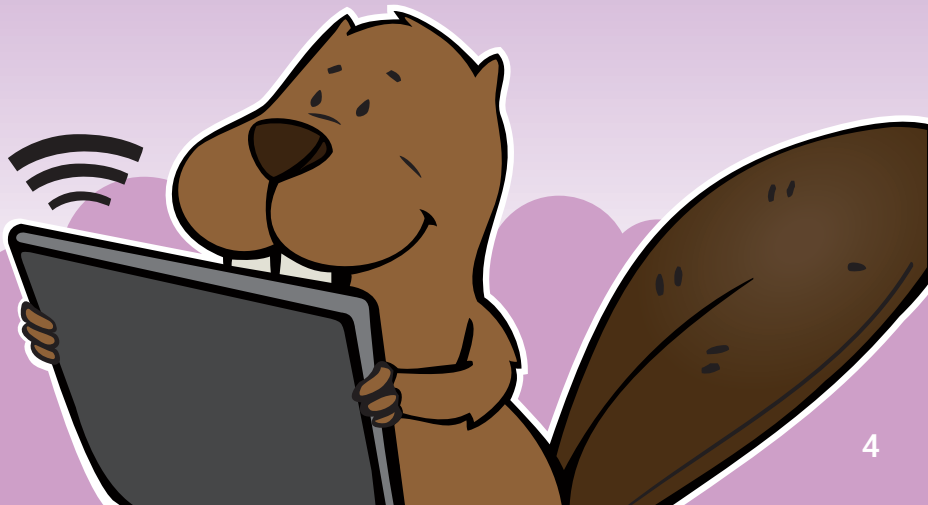
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NOTE: Multiple versions of handouts and templates are available in this kit, including those with and without character graphics, so you can select the best match for your students and families.

[Download a quick reference list of these resources here](#)



Using Accelerated Reader with Your Students

Here are some quick tips and resources to help get the new school year off to a great start!

1. Get yourself and your classroom ready for reading practice.

Schedule time for reading practice in your classroom routines and determine how students will access books and take AR quizzes.

2. Introduce AR to students.

Help students understand why practicing reading is important and how to find good-fit books.

3. Determine students' reading levels.

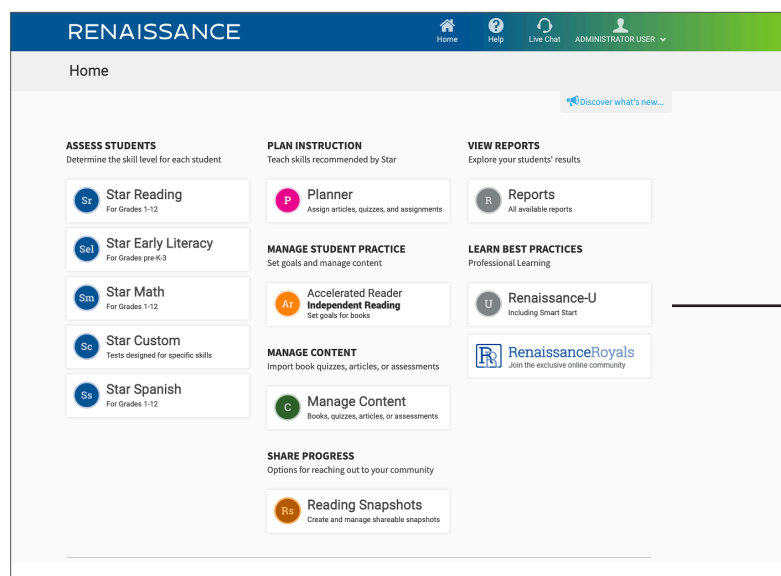
Assess students with Star Reading or another assessment to determine what level books will provide the best practice opportunities to help students grow. The students' scores will also help you set personalized reading goals tailored to what each student needs.

4. Personalize practice for each student.

Set individualized goals for students to provide guidance on the quantity, quality, and complexity of their reading practice. A new early reader goal model, AR Friends, is coming for the 2021–2022 school year to help beginning readers celebrate early reading success.

5. Use data to monitor progress and celebrate success.

View class and student data in the AR Record Book to facilitate daily discussions with students about progress towards their goals and the books they are reading.



Renaissance-U
Including Smart Start

For more guidance and ideas on how to use Accelerated Reader, check out the [Smart Start](#) and [How-To Webinar](#) resources, which you can find on the Renaissance-U tile on the educator home page.

Using Accelerated Reader and myON together

myON

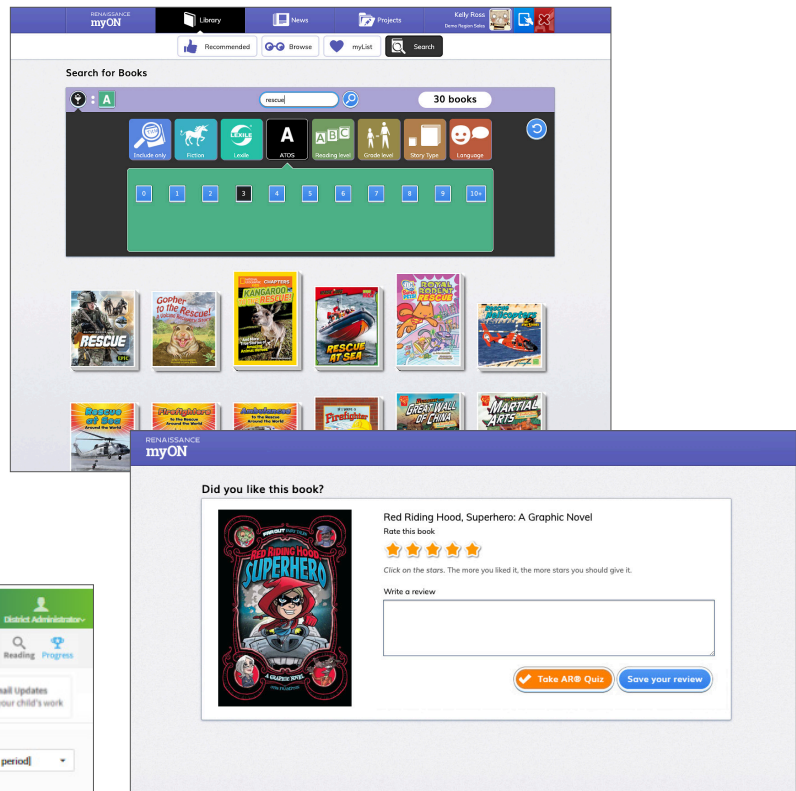
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If students have access to myON, then students not only have access to Accelerated Reader quizzes, they also have thousands of digital myON books available to read. Most books in myON have AR quizzes.

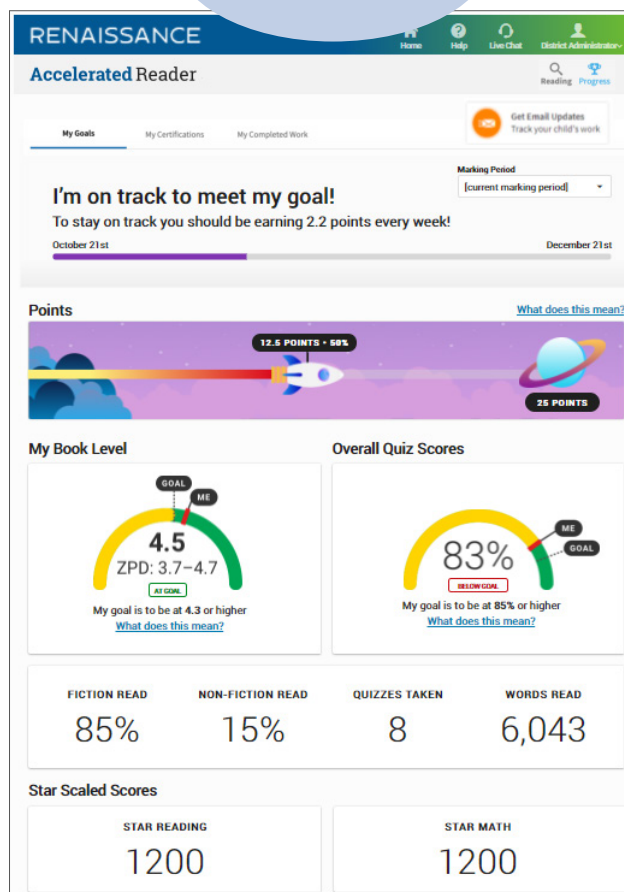
1. Choose a book

Students can find books within their Accelerated Reader ZPD (the range of books at an appropriate level of challenge) quickly in myON by using the search feature and searching by ATOS book level.

Students can also look at the book's details in myON to see if the ATOS book level and points fit their goals.



New AR
visuals available
Summer 2021!



2. Read and take the quiz

Students can launch the myON book player and read the book. Once they have finished, they can launch the AR quiz right away.

3. View reading progress

If the myON book has an AR quiz, then data will flow into the AR reports and goals just like a book they picked out from a library.



Scavenger Hunt Ideas

Challenge your students with these starter ideas—and add some of your own, as well!

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
Read a book about buddies/friends	Read a book about making friends	Read a book about friendship
Read a book about a school	Read a book about a school club or sport	Read a book about a career or job
Read a nonfiction book	Read a nonfiction book	Read a nonfiction book
Read a fictional book	Read a fictional book	Read a fictional book
Read a book about your favorite hobby	Read a book about something you would like to try	Read a book about something you would like to learn to do
Read an award-winning book	Read an award-winning book	Read an award-winning book
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Draw a picture about a book	Write an alternative ending to a book	Post on social media about a book you just read
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Read a book with a leaf on the cover	Read a book that makes you laugh	Start a book club at your school
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Letter to Families

Use this letter or excerpt sections from it to provide families with information about how they can support and encourage their students to read at home. Couple it with additional resources from this kit to be sure they have all the information they need.

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- Take turns reading to each other.
- Rewrite the ending of a favorite book, and get creative with the characters and the plot!
- Start an online book club together, and connect with other students and families around reading.
- Create an online group for a book or author you and your student enjoy.
- Recommend books to each other, sharing stories with topics that interest each of you.
- Write a story book together, complete with drawings and unique characters.
- Ask your student to read a book virtually to a family member who lives in another state.
- Explore the origins of your student's school name together.

We hope you will join us to encourage your students to read beyond the school day, and to read for fun, now and throughout the year!



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Themed Bookmarks

Provide one or more of these themed bookmarks to support student—and family—reading engagement!



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Students can use this Reading Log to keep track of all the reading they do, then share their activity with their families—and with their teachers!

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Coloring Page Templates

Use these templates to motivate and reward student reading at home, or as a just-for-fun activity.

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Word Find Activity Sheet

Older students can be challenged to complete the Word Find independently or as part of a group or family activity.

Word Find

Find each word from the list in the chart below. Then highlight or circle the word in the chart.



Word List

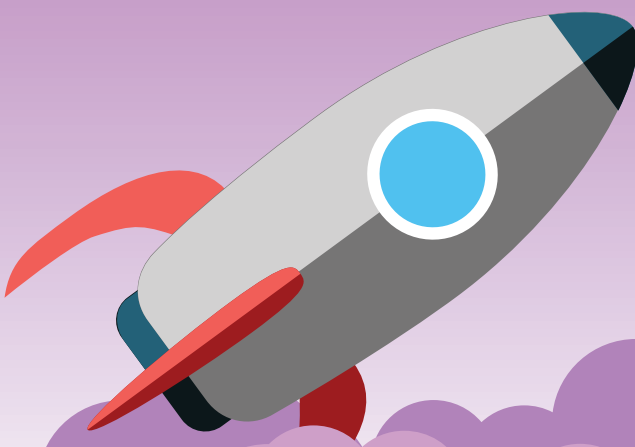
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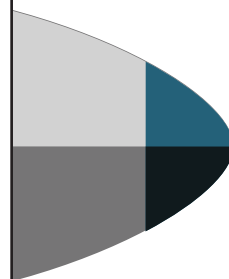
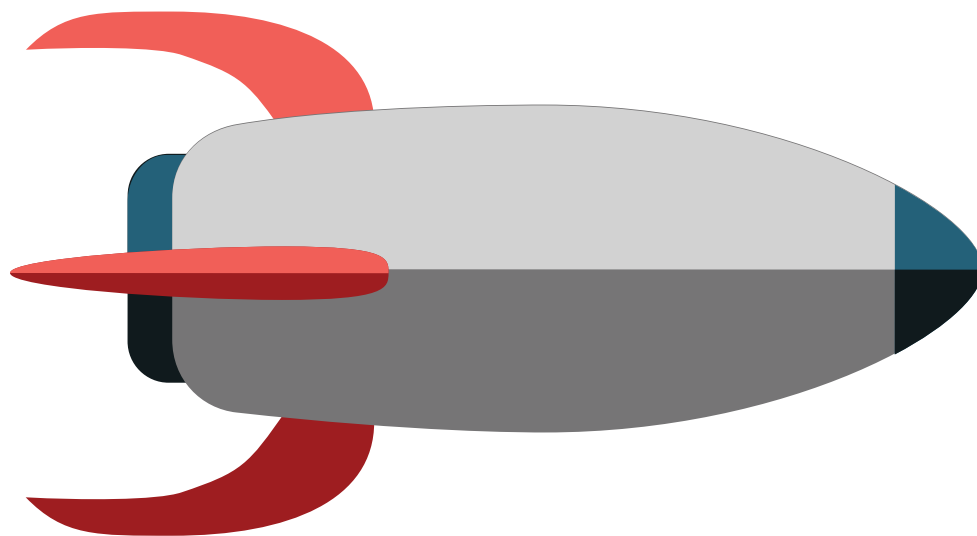
Answer Key

Bulletin Board / Cutout Template

Launch each student into a new season of reading with these fun cutouts. Use them in the classroom or library, and consider providing a copy that students can display at home, too!

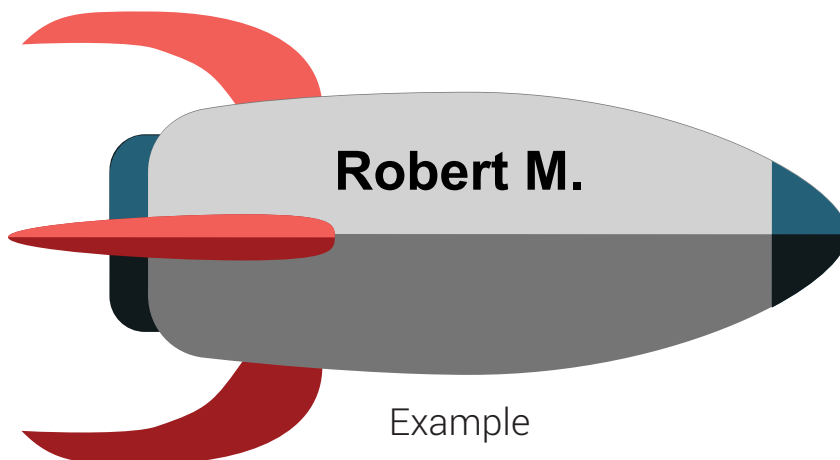
¡Recorta el cohete espacial y pon tu nombre!

Cut out the rocket ship and add your name!



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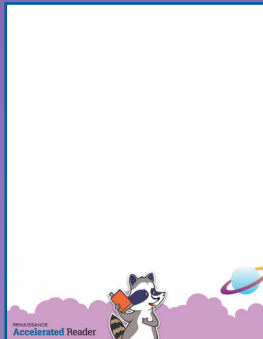


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Flyer Templates

Support communication with students and families about reading, and share important tips and reminders with them using these flexible templates.

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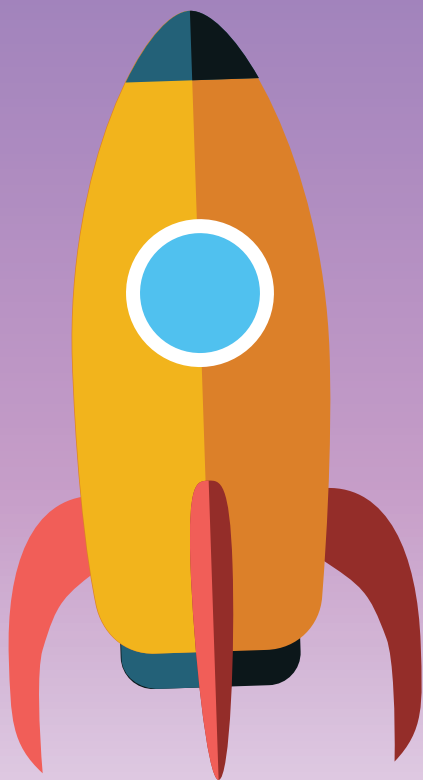
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Web Badges

These themed badges can be added to your website and social media channels to engage students and families in reading activities and celebrate achievements.

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Student Certificate Templates

Reward individual student achievements with customized certificates you create using the templates on this page.

Consider recognizing students for these reading milestones:

- Maintained an average percent correct above 85%
- Met book level goal
- Reached a notable number of books read (5, 10, 25, 100, etc.)
- Reached a notable point-level milestone (5, 10, 25, 100, 500, 1000, etc.)
- Read X% nonfiction within a marking period
- Maintained a reading log
- Transitioned from being read to (T) to read with (W), or from read with (W) to read independently (I)
- Completed X number of items from the scavenger hunt

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Examples



Yard Sign Templates

Partner with families to broadcast their students' reading achievements with yard signs that include simple, impactful messaging.

For example:

- An Accelerated Reader lives here!
- <School Mascot> Reader
- I love books!
- Top Reader
- I met my reading goal!

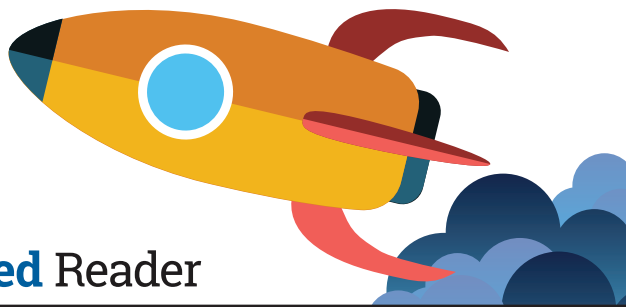
Printer instructions are on the individual yard sign file.

Examples

**I met my reading
goal this month!**



**An Accelerated
Reader lives here!**



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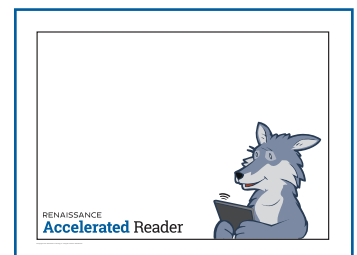
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