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AR/ STAR Newsletter

What is AR?

AR (short for Accelerated Reader) is a program that enhances a student's independent reading skills and comprehension. Students check out books based on their level range given to them by the STAR assessment. Students read the book and then take a short quiz. Based on their score, students accumulate points throughout the school year. AR is ongoing through the end of school.

What is STAR?

STAR is a 25 question assessment that will develop a reading range for your child based on their needs of the assessment. Basic comprehension questions are asked, but students are assessed on the following: The difficulty of the question, the length of the question, whether it was answered correctly or not, and how long it took the student to answer. STAR's formula is very accurate and reliable. Students are tested at the beginning, middle and end of the school year.

Assessments cannot be retaken.

Finding Books in Destiny

Destiny is the online catalog for Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Finding a book is easy. Follow these steps:

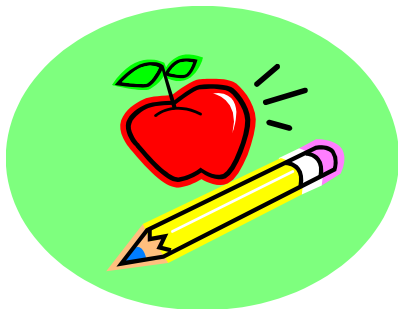
Go to <http://destiny.dadeschools.net>

Click on Henry S. West Laboratory School in the left hand column about 1/3 the way down the page.

Click catalog.

On the search page click the arrow on the drop down menu for reading programs and select Accelerated Reader.

Enter your child's reading range and then hit enter. You will then see a list of books that we have available with the AR test!!



Happy Reading!!!

Prizes will be given out in the Media Center on a monthly basis for students who have 4 quizzes taken or 2.0 points earned or more and at least 80% correct average for the month.