

Accelerated Reader Guidelines

A Note from Mrs. Strom and the Mt. Vernon Reading Teachers: We don't want to discourage students from trying a book...but on the other hand, we don't want them to get frustrated if something is way beyond their level. We want them to have success and be able to earn points and prizes.

Here are some general guidelines we've set for grade levels. Of course, these can be adjusted to accommodate each individual student.

- **3rd grade:** Choose books no higher than 4.4 (beginning of school year)
- **4th grade:** Choose books no higher than 5.4 (beginning of school year); no lower than 2.5.
- **5th grade:** Choose books no lower than 3.0

WANTED!

Student submissions for the monthly newsletter!

Student Book Reviews:

Teagan C.- 4th grade gives *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J.K. Rowling
4 STARS. "My favorite part was the whole book! I loved it."

Riley C.-4th grade gives *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
5 STARS. "My favorite part was when Black Beauty was playing with the other foals."

Kayleigh H.-5th grade gives *Claudia and Mean Janine: A Graphic Novel of The Babysitters' Club* by Raina Telgmeier
5 STARS. "I love the twists of the story."

Maggie D.- 5th grade gives *Invisible Emmie* by Terri Libenson
5 STARS. "I liked when they told each other about the notes."

Connor J.- 5th grade gives *Amulet #7: Firelight* by Kazu Kibuishi
5 STARS. "My favorite part of the book was page 170 to the last page. Emily went through a portal that led into someone's memory, who caused the car accident when Emily was younger."

Addy H.-5th grade gives *Swindle* by Gordon Korman
4 ½ STARS. "My favorite part of the book was when Griffin and his group broke into Swindle's house."

Gabrielle W.- 4th grade gives *Dork Diaries Series* by Rachel Renee Russell
4 STARS. "I liked when her (Nikki J. Maxwell) little sister did a bad thing under the carpet."

Brookelynn M.- 4th grade gives *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway* by Jeff Kinney
5 STARS. "My favorite part of the book was when they fall off the banana boat."

Cynthia E.-4th grade gives *Mighty Robot Series* by Dav Pilkey
4 STARS. "My favorite part is where the robot punched the mercha-mosquito."

Favorite Reading Place:

Kourtney P. 3rd grade: "I like to read in my nook. It is a quiet place to read. My favorite book is *Dork Diaries* by Rachel Renee Russell."