## AR-ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM

The <u>Accelerated Reader Program</u> provides high quality reading material and independent reading opportunities as well as an individual, noncompetitive, non-threatening motivation for reading. Motivation is a key to reading that makes this program equally effective for slow and gifted readers. We encourage parents and community members to participate in the program as well. This program will help the adults in our children's lives model good reading habits.

The Accelerated Reader provides a framework for individualization. By using the computer as a standard record-keeping device with a test to measure outcomes whenever a book is read, teachers have a complete system for individualizing reading time. A completely individualized, independent reading period allows teachers to have individual conferences, listen to individual students read, match pairs of students together for reading, and guide reading experiences for each student within the regular classroom.