



# OWL-About Literacy



## Mt. Healthy North Elementary School

Monthly Literacy Newsletter

{December 2017}

### **Important! Important!**

#### **WHAT IS Accelerated Reader (AR)????**

At North we have adopted the Accelerated Reader (AR) program as part of our literacy program! The AR program is meant to motivate students to read more and increase their reading and vocabulary comprehension. Each student should have a book to read at school and needs to read for at least 20-30 minutes per day at home. When students finish a book they can take an AR quiz on the computer at school to assess their comprehension and earn points. You may check [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) site to find out which books are available for an AR quiz.

*Each month the class in each grade level that has earned the most AR points is recognized for their reading success. The class gets a trophy and some new books for their classroom library!*

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!**

#### **November AR Class Winners:**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Ms. Morgan's class</b>
<b>1st Grade</b>	<b>Ms. Ober's class</b>
<b>2nd Grade</b>	<b>Ms. Sterwerf's class</b>
<b>3rd Grade</b>	<b>Ms. Warman's class</b>
<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>Ms. Booth's class</b>
<b>5th Grade</b>	<b>Ms. MacAlpine's class</b>
<b>6th Grade</b>	<b>Ms. Adrien's class</b>

#### **How do you pick the just right book?**

#### **Use the 5 Finger Rule!**

What to do:

Pick a book.

Open the book to any page.

Put one finger up for any word you don't know.



**0-1 Too easy**  
**1-2 Perfect Choice**  
**3-4 Give it a try**  
**5+ Too hard**



#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD???**

1. Promote reading at home: let your child see you reading; read with them; encourage them to read.
2. Ask about the book they're reading. Check on their AR progress and points.
3. Cheer them on and congratulate them when they reach their AR goal!
4. Provide some rewards when they reach a reading goal.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Destination Literacy Night**

**When:** February 1, 2018

**Time:** 6:00-7:30pm

**Where:** South Elementary School

**What:** Reading and literacy night for all preschool and kindergarten age students and their families living in the Mt Healthy area.

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**When:** February 15, 2018

12:30 to 7:30pm

**Where:** North Elementary School

**What:** Meet with your child's teacher and hear how they are doing in class. Students are encouraged to come along and show their parents what they've been learning!

#### **Spring Ed Fair & Art Night**

**When:** April 19, 2018

Time - TBD

**Where:** North Elementary School

**What:** More details to come!

### **Community Resources: The Cincinnati Public Library**

Cincinnati Public Library cards are **FREE** for people of all ages if you are a resident of Hamilton County!

*Children (under 18) can get a library card with no fines!!! All you need is their name, address, and date of birth. Get a public library card today and have access to books and reading activities all the time!*

Apply in person at the library or online:

<http://www.cincinnati.org/account/application.aspx>

### **Library Locations**

#### **Mt. Healthy Branch**

7608 Hamilton Ave.

#### **North Central Branch (near 275)**

11109 Hamilton Ave.



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\*\*Post a picture of your child reading a book or holding this newsletter and your family will be entered to win a prize!!! The winning family will receive a \$25 Meijer gift card and the pictured student will select a prize from the prize box at school. **Make your post by January 7, 2018 to be entered!**