

Renaissance Learning

Renaissance Learning is an educational tool used for assessment, learning and teaching. At Saint Joachim School, we utilize Renaissance Learning as a way to monitor student progress through Early Literacy, STAR Reading, STAR Math and the Accelerated Reader program. Students are tested periodically throughout the school year to monitor progress and assist teachers in setting goals and intervention. Parents are updated with reports on testing.

What is Accelerated Reader? (AR)

"AR is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his own level and reads it at his own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) AR gives children, teachers, and librarians feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice. Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them. Teachers and librarians help your child choose books at an appropriate readability level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success."

For a Parent's Guide to Accelerated Reader, [click here](#).

What is STAR Early Literacy?

"STAR Early Literacy™ is the leading computer-based diagnostic assessment of early literacy skills developed for Pre-K–3 students. STAR Early Literacy tracks development in three domains and ten sub-domains:

Word Facility and Skills

- Alphabetic Principle
- Concept of Word
- Visual Discrimination
- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Structural Analysis
- Vocabulary

Comprehension Strategies and Constructing Meaning

- Sentence-Level Comprehension
- Paragraph-Level Comprehension

Numbers and Operations

- Early Numeracy"

What is STAR Reading?

"STAR Reading™ is an assessment of reading comprehension and skills for independent readers through grade 12. STAR Reading tracks development in five domains:

- Word Knowledge and Skills
- Comprehension Strategies and Constructing Meaning
- Analyzing Literary Text
- Understanding Author's Craft
- Analyzing Argument and Evaluating Text"

What is STAR Math?

"STAR Math™ is an assessment of math achievement for students in grades 1–12. STAR Math tracks development in four domains:

- Numbers and Operations
- Algebra
- Geometry and Measurement
- Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability"

For a Parent's Guide to STAR Testing, [click here](#).

Renaissance Home Connect

"You can access your child's AR information in Renaissance Home Connect™ from a computer with web access. You must first gain access to the program from the school. Once in the program, you can view your child's progress toward goals, points, and books read to monitor your child's success. You can also access AR BookFinder to search for titles of interest. You can only access information about your child."

To access Renaissance Home Connect, [click here](#).