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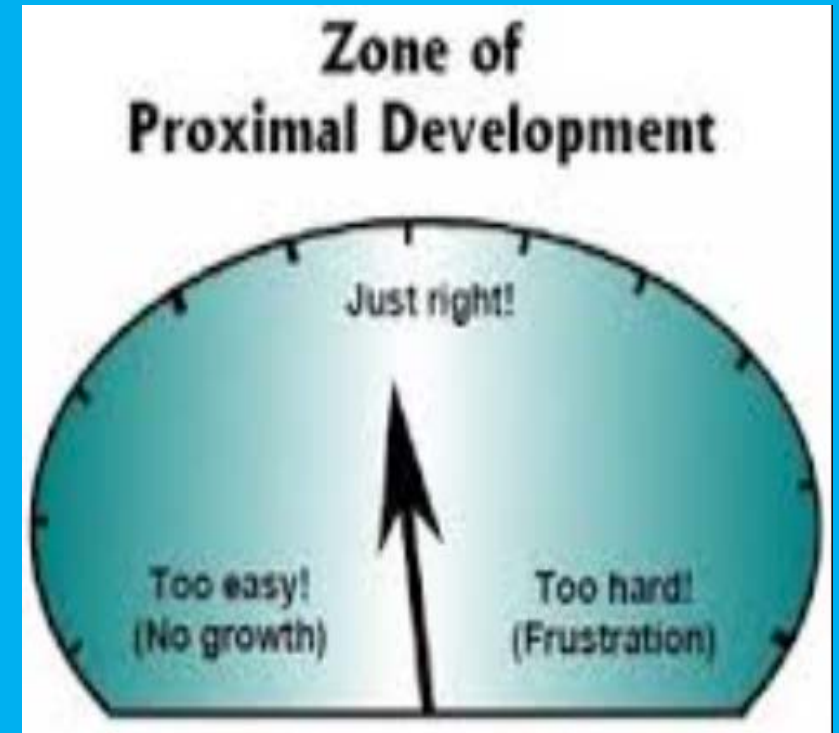
EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW AND MORE!

WHAT IS ACCELERATED READER?

- Computerized learning information system
- Assessment tool (monitor)
- Diagnostic tool (manage)
- Motivational tool

Reading is fun!

WHAT IS ZPD?

- Zone of Proximal Development
- The range of book readability levels that will result in optimal growth in reading ability
- The range of books that will challenge a student without causing frustration or loss of motivation

Zone of Proximal Development

Just right!

Too easy! (No growth)

Too hard! (Frustration)

HOW DOES AR DETERMINE "READABILITY"?

- AR's own formula (ATOS)
- Three variables
  - Words Per sentence
  - Average grade level of those words
  - Characters per word
  - Does NOT factor in theme or age appropriateness!

HOW IS MY STUDENT'S ZPD DETERMINED?

- STAR Reader(Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading)

  - A series of 34 multiple-choice questions that ask students to select appropriate vocabulary words to complete a sentence

  - Computer-adaptive: questions adjust to student's level as questions are answered

HOW ARE GOALS SET?

- Based on STAR results
  - ZPD
  - 20-30 minutes of reading practice
  - Individual student ability
  - Adjustable by teacher as necessary

HOW DO STUDENTS REACH THEIR GOALS?

- Picture books are typically "worth" 0.5 points

- Chapter book points determined by length

- Points earned based on "percent correct" on test (a score of 80 on a test earns 80% of a book's point value)

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY STUDENT'S BOOK IS AN AR BOOK?

- Yinghua Academy has marked AR books on the spine

- AR has over 140,000 titles with associated quizzes!

- Use **www.arbookfind.com** to find out if a book is an AR book

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Student reads an on level book marked "AR"

- Student logs into AR program

- Student selects the quiz for that book

- Student answers between 5 to 20 questions on the title that he or she read

THEN WHAT?

- Teachers get test results
- Diagnostic reports give teachers valuable information on students' reading practice, comprehension, and literary skills development
- Teachers then guide students toward reading materials within their ZPD for improvement

BOOKS READ

TERM 2

Students	Quizzes Passed	Quizzes Taken	% Correct
418	3,518	4,495	76.5

- Students have read **75,981,640 words** over the course of term 2!
- Students have earned 11,347.1 points in term 2!

Y.A. DRAGONS LOVE TO READ!