Six Books for Summer

Helen Haller Elementary

Information for Families

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Purpose and Goals

- ➔ Provide six self-selected books for every student at Helen Haller to read over the summer and add to their home library.
- ➔ Prevent the academic skills slide which commonly takes place over the summer months.
- ➔ Inspire an increase in reading motivation in students.

Logistics

Who: All Helen Haller students.
What: Your child will have 20 grade-level appropriate books to look through. They will use an order form to select their top six picks. The goal is to be able to order all six books they select but this depends on the final total cost for all orders.
When & Where: Orders will take place during students' library specialist time, the week of March 13th-March 17th.
Books will hopefully be handed out (along with a plastic bag and reading log) during the Cougar Reading and Writing Conference week in June (June 6th-9th).
Why: To inspire students to read over the summer and build their home libraries, providing increased access to books for all of our students.
Other stuff:
Our goal is to order up to six books for each student, a bag to carry them and a reading log will be handed out to students. Students who complete and return the log next year will get a small prize.

Supporting this program at home.

You can **support the success of this program** and inspire support for its funding and future by:

- Ensuring your child reads every day for at least 20 minutes, especially during school vacation.
- Read with them, to them, and set an example by reading for pleasure yourself.
- Visit the public library for additional reading material to read over the summer and participate in their Summer Reading Program.

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