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To: HAAS Parents and Students
From: Ms. Litefti, Reading Specialist
CC: Ms. Fulton, Principal
Mr. Weisbrot, Dean
Date: June 4, 2010
Re: ***Mandatory Summer Reading***

Each year, new and returning HAAS students are required to read selected novels and complete specific grade level assignments. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. Over the summer, parents can assist their children in sustaining and bolstering their reading skills, strengthening their vocabulary, and reinforcing the benefits of reading for enjoyment.

Attached you will find the ***Required Summer Reading List*** for your child's *next grade level* for the upcoming school year, and below are the directions for completing the ***Required Assignments***. **(For example: if your child is in the 2nd Grade now, you will choose a book from the 3rd Grade Reading List.)**

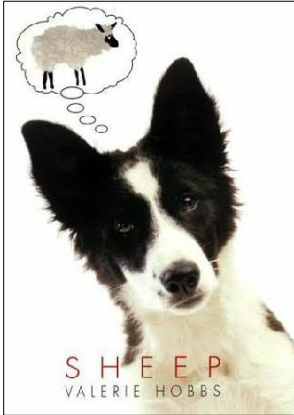
The ***Required Summer Reading List*** and the ***Required Assignments*** will also be posted on the HAAS website (www.hollywoodcharter.org) on the **School Information Page** for your convenience.

Directions for Required Summer Reading Assignments

Students will be required to read the 2 books listed for their upcoming grade level. The third book is optional and will earn extra credit. These books may be read independently, read together, or may be read aloud to your child.

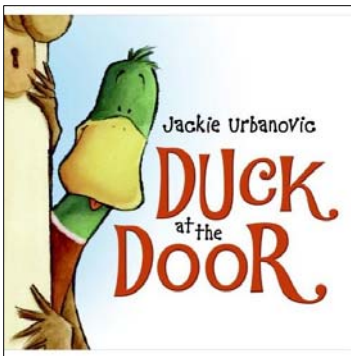
After reading the book, students must complete the Required Assignment in order to receive full credit. The completed work will be incorporated into the student's grade during the first weeks of school. ***Failure to complete these assignments will result in the student receiving zeros.***

Mandatory Summer Reading List 2010 - Entering 2nd Grade



Sheep by Valerie Hobbs

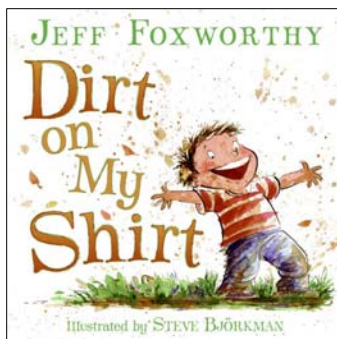
The sheep closed in around him like a big, woolly blanket. The puppy had never been so scared or so excited in his life. Soon he was racing, fainting, dodging - learning what it means to be one of the proud breed of Border collies, the finest sheepherders in the world. Then, almost overnight, his life is turned upside down. He finds himself in a series of strange places, with no sheep, his family gone.



Duck at the Door by Jackie Urbanovic

One winter night, a cozy house full of animals is awakened by a knock at the front door. They have no idea what they'll find on the other side, and Max the duck is the last thing they expect. Soon this larger-than-life houseguest is making himself at home--and forcing his way into the hearts of his reluctant hosts.

Additional/Optional grade level book



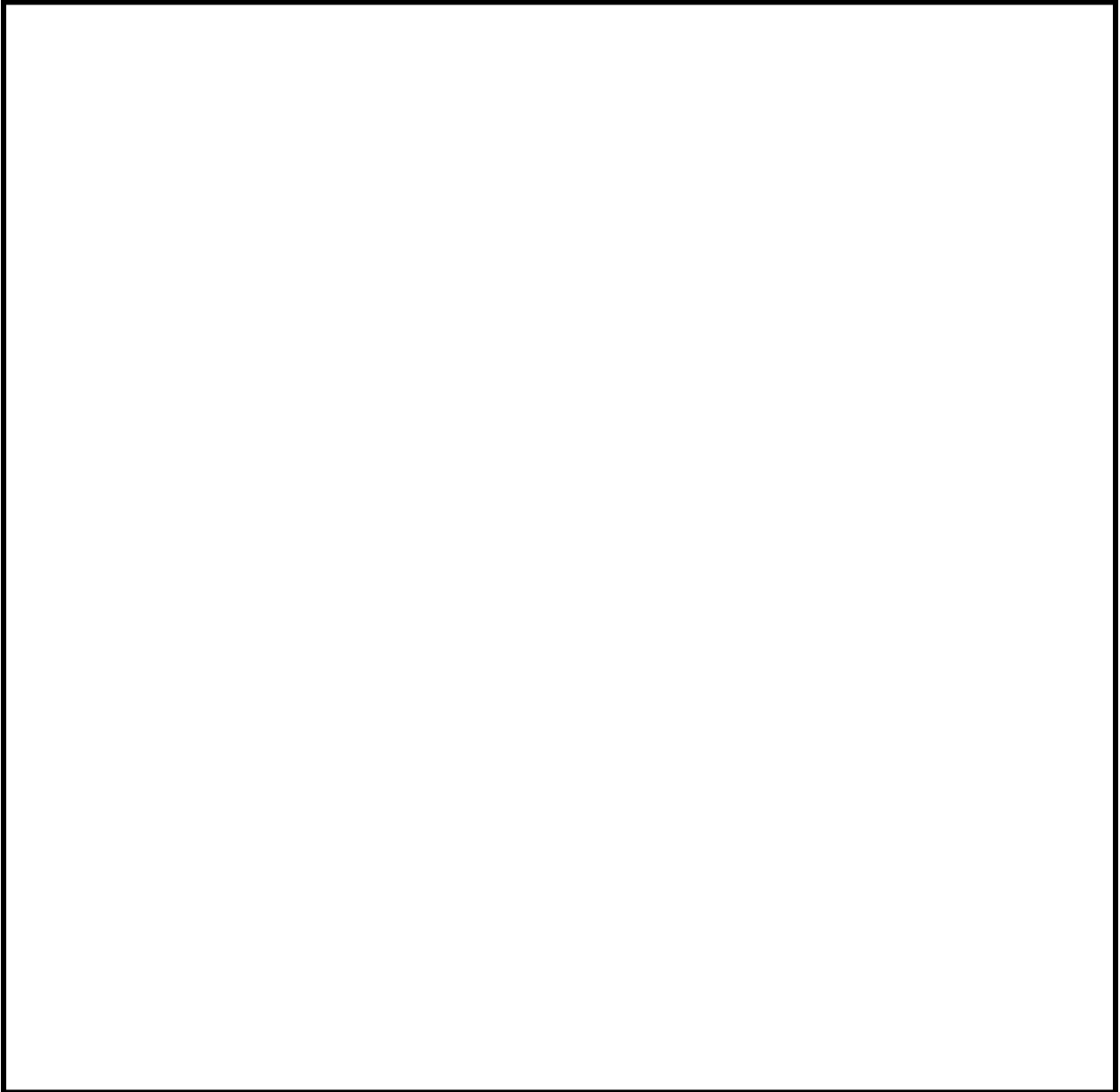
Dirt on My Shirt by Jeff Foxworthy

In his bestselling picture book *Dirt on My Shirt*, Jeff Foxworthy warmed the hearts of kids both big and little. Now, in this I Can Read edition, poems have been hand selected for beginning readers to enjoy. From meeting Auntie Brooke and Uncle Keith to searching for tadpoles and snakes, young readers will love discovering Jeff's vibrant neighborhood all for themselves.

Name of Book

Author

Draw a picture of the main character



Your Name

Basic Information About the Book

Names of the Main Characters:

Where does the story take place? (Setting)

When does the story take place? Over the course of the Day? A month? A year? How do you know?



Vocabulary

As you read the story, find three words that you do not understand. Look them up and give the following information.

1. Word : _____ Page Number: _____

Definition: _____

Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

2. Word: _____ Page Number: _____

Definition: _____

Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

3. Word: _____ Page Number: _____

Definition: _____

Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.
