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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***

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade now, you will choose a book from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading List.)**

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

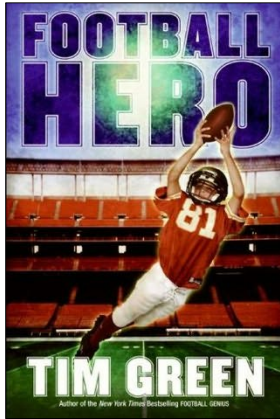
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### Directions for Required Summer Reading Assignments

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.

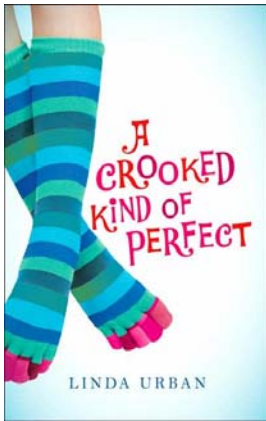
After reading the book, students must complete the Required Assignment in order to receive full credit. The completed work will be incorporated into the student's grade during the first weeks of school. ***Failure to complete these assignments will result in the student receiving zeros.***

## Mandatory Summer Reading List 2010 - Entering 5th Grade



### *Football Hero* by Tim Green

Ty Lewis is a 12-year-old whose parents were recently killed in an auto accident. Ty's brother, Thane "Tiger" Lewis, will graduate from Syracuse University in May and expects to be the first round draft choice of the NY Jets. The court assigned Ty's Uncle Gus and Aunt Virginia as his legal guardians.



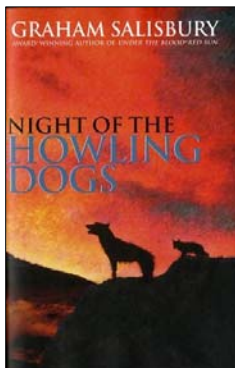
### *A Crooked Kind of Perfect* by Linda Urban

Ten-year-old Zoe Elias dreams of playing a baby grand piano at Carnegie Hall. But when Dad ventures to the music store and ends up with a wheezy organ instead of a piano, Zoe's dreams hit a sour note. Learning the organ versions of old TV theme songs just isn't the same as mastering Beethoven on the piano. And the organ isn't the only part of Zoe's life that's off-kilter, what with Mom constantly at work, Dad afraid to leave the house, and that odd boy, Wheeler Diggs, following her home from school every day. Yet when Zoe enters the annual Perform-O-Rama organ competition, she finds that life is full of surprises—and that perfection may be even better when it's just a little off center.

[http://www.teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video\\_id=154339&title=A Crooked Kind of Perfect](http://www.teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=154339&title=A_Crooked_Kind_of_Perfect)

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### Additional/Optional grade level book



### *Night of the Howling Dogs* by Graham Salisbury

DYLAN'S SCOUT TROOP goes camping in Halape, a remote spot below the volcano on the Big Island of Hawaii. The only thing wrong with the weekend on a beautiful, peaceful beach is Louie, a tough older boy. Louie and Dylan just can't get along.

That night an earthquake rocks the camp, and then a wave rushes in, sweeping everyone and everything before it.

[http://www.teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video\\_id=143826&title=Night of the Howling Dogs](http://www.teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=143826&title=Night_of_the_Howling_Dogs)

**Basic Information About the Book**

**Names of the Main Characters:**

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**Where does the story take place? (Setting)**

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

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Character Study

Choose two characters to describe by answering the questions below. (Please use complete sentences.)

**Name of Character** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Physical Likeness. (What does the character look like?)

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2. Personality. (What kind of a person is the character look like?)

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**Name of Character** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Physical Likeness. (What does the character look like?)

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4. Personality. (What kind of a person is the character look like?)

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

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2. Word: \_\_\_\_\_ Page Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

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3. Word: \_\_\_\_\_ Page Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

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**Your Opinion**

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

Did you like the book? Why or why not?

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What was your favorite part of the book? Why?

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What was your least favorite part of the book? Why?

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Would you recommend this book to someone else to read? Why or why not?

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