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Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont Elementary Summer Readers Read to Feed



This summer, participants in Mariemont Elementary PTO's summer reading program read over 1000 books, and in the process raised over \$800 for Heifer International's Read-to-Feed program.

Heifer International is a nonprofit organization that works to end world hunger through the gift of farm animals and training. Families who receive an animal repay the loan by passing on one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need.

Through Read-to-Feed and the donations that participating children solicited from family members, the \$829 raised will purchase the following "barnyard menagerie" for families in need: 3 sheep, 2 swarms of honeybees, 4 flocks of ducks, geese and chicks, 6 rabbits, as well as shares of a pig, cow, llama, goat and water buffalo.

Photo: Representing the Mariemont Elementary Summer Reading stars, these lucky students won raffles for a \$20.00 gift certificate to the Blue Manatee Bookstore. They are (back row) Brooke Taylor (Gr.5), Jonah Trachtman (Gr.6), Hannah Zelinski (Gr.3). (front) Chloe Reavill (Gr.4), Josie Bloom (Gr.1) and Jillian Teeters (Gr.2).

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