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Dear Rotary Club of HEB,

Even though the school year is ending, learning never stops, so now is a great time to get excited for summer reading! Reading, exploring and trying new things are vital for students to continue their learning, and in order for students to not lose gains made over the school year, they need to keep up regular reading habits over the summer. *With your assistance, HEB ISD is proud to be able to provide every elementary student with new books for their home libraries this summer!*

We are so grateful for your support of our **HEB Reads!** Summer Reading Program. Your generous donation of \$4,600, received at the monthly Rotary luncheon on April 23, will be used to purchase books that students will be able to choose from to take home at the end of the school year. As you know, more than 55% of children in HEB ISD come from under-privileged homes and do not have the opportunity to regularly visit the public libraries in the summer to continue reading. This program will give students the chance to self-select books that they want to read in the effort to avoid losing gains made during the school year.

If you would like to learn more about our summer reading programs, please feel free to visit our website at www.hebreads.org. The summer challenge is open to all, from 0 to 99, as we feel it is important for adults to model the behavior that they would like children to imitate. We hope you will all consider joining and taking part in the challenge with us!

Kind Regards,

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