

## Action Summary for Germantown Elementary/Angie Kaas:

Thank you so much for your support! I am pleased to report that we were able to accomplish our goal of getting students interested in Sherlock Holmes. We were able to purchase two complete 30 book, beginning chapter book Easy Classic Sherlock Holmes series. The books were published by Sweet Cherry Lane Publishing. In addition to the illustrations on almost every other page, they included a QR code for an audio book companion. In October, I had the 4th and 5th grade students listen to The Three Students while completing a crossword. Most students then checked out one of the books. As you can see from data below, some students returned for a second book, but 4-5 of our approximately 80 4th and 5th grade students are continuing to read through the series. This spring I plan to teach the same lesson with the 3rd graders to introduce them to Sherlock Holmes. As I hoped, this has planted the seed of interest for several students and over the years, more students will become Sherlock Holmes fans.

We purchased the book series for a total of \$200.13 from Amazon. We have \$22.17 left over that we can use for other purchases or return to you. If you would like us to return it to you, the administrative secretary said that we need something in writing stating that along with who to make the check out to & where to mail it to.

### Student results:

I was able to meet with one of the 5th graders that is reading through the series to ask her what she enjoyed about the series and this is what she said: "He is one of my favorite authors because mysteries are my favorite series. There is lots of suspense and you don't know what is going to happen next. It doesn't bore you." "I like that they're classics and it's kind of interesting to see how it was like back then. He incorporates what it was really like in London in the 1800's" "The language kind of puzzles you so it makes it harder to read, but for me, I like it because it keeps you busy. You can't just power through it. If it has easy words and is too quick to read, it isn't as much fun."

### Circulation statistics:

This doesn't show the complete picture because I am only able to get information about the top 50 checkouts in the genre for the first 4 month of year, but it shows that  $\frac{1}{3}$  of our mystery checkouts are for the Sherlock Holmes books and that several students are reading multiple books. This is even more impressive when you consider that I only taught the lesson 2 months ago.

16/50 Mystery checkouts this school year were Sherlock Holmes books

55/179 Mystery books this school year were Sherlock Holmes books

### Top titles with corresponding number of checkouts:

The Three Students 6

They Dying Detective 5

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes 4

The Bruce-Partington Plans 4

The Lion's Mane 4

The Second Stain 4

The Six Napoleons 4

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes 3

Charles Augustus Milverton 3

The Dancing Men 3

Hound of Baskervilles 3

The Sign of Four 3  
The Solo Bicyclist 3  
The Beryl Coronet 2  
The Blue Carbuncle 2  
The Final Problem 2