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STECK-VAUGHN INTRODUCES *SUMMER STUDIO* READING AND MATH FOR GRADES 1-6

New Program Focuses on Foundational Skills to Accelerate Student Progress, Create Measurable Progress in Six Weeks

Austin, TX, January 25, 2006 -- Steck-Vaughn announces the release of *Summer Studio*, a complete, easy-to-use summer school program that builds the foundational skills students need to progress to grade level.

Summer Studio provides motivational, results-driven instruction that links summer school to school-year curriculum. *Summer Studio Reading* and *Summer Studio Math* prepare students for success in basal programs by focusing on foundational skills that build competency.

The *Summer Studio* program includes high-interest materials to motivate students, daily and weekly assessments to guide instruction, collectible reward cards that encourage students to stay on track, and projects and home connection activities.

The comprehensive teacher's guide provides easy-to-teach lessons focused on foundational skills students need to perform at grade level. Flexible assessment tools and reteach lessons help teachers accurately identify and address student needs. The same weekly themes and collectible reward card characters are used in reading and math to provide thematic links across the disciplines.

Summer Studio Reading and *Summer Studio Math* are geared to students in grades 1 - 6 who are performing one or more years below grade level. Each *Summer Studio* program provides materials for 15 students. More information about *Summer Studio* can be found at www.SteckVaughn/SummerStudio.com.

About Steck-Vaughn

Steck-Vaughn, an imprint of Harcourt Achieve, offers easy-to-use, innovative learning solutions that accelerate content-area knowledge, reading skills and preparation for standards-based tests, allowing learners to meet and exceed expectations. Harcourt Achieve produces learning solutions and content that fundamentally and positively change the lives of young and adult learners. Published under the Rigby, Saxon and Steck-Vaughn imprints, its products are based on a developmental philosophy that assesses learner's skills, matches them to appropriate content and accelerates them to meet and exceed expectations.

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