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**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District is to provide an academically challenging and stimulating environment for all students, and to enable them to realize their full potential to be happy, ethical and analytical citizens of the world.

We do this by:

making tolerance, acceptance, respect, honesty and kindness expectations for all students, and for members of the Plainview-Old Bethpage school community;

identifying each student's academic, social-emotional, aesthetic and physical needs, and striving to meet those needs; and

encouraging communication between and among students, teachers, parents, administrators, and community members.

# Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD



# Recommended Reading For 2nd Graders

**The Sleeping Giant of Goll****Tony Abbott**

Lord Sparr has found a new weapon to use against the city of Droon. He's woken up a mean old giant that will obey his every command! It's a good thing Eric, Julie, and Neal are around to help their friends stop Lord Sparr.

*\*Part of the Secrets of Droon series*

**Fly Guy****Tedd Arnold**

Fly Guy unintentionally joins Buzz at school, and then goes with his class on a field trip to a fly swatter factory.

**Dinkin Dings and the Frightening Things****Guy Bass**

Dinkin, a human boy who fears everything, and his monster friends set out to prove that the new neighbors next door are zombies, but they learn a surprising secret about the entire family when he confronts their daughter Molly.

**Roscoe Riley****Katherine Applegate**

Roscoe is determined to guess the weight of a giant pumpkin in order to win books for his school library and candy for himself, but is overwhelmed by superstitions, especially about a certain black kitten.

**Ivy & Bean: No News is Good News****Annie Barrows**

Ivy and Bean try to make money by writing a newspaper about Pancake Court but the neighbors are not pleased to read about themselves.

**Casketball Capers****Peter Bently**

When the students of St. Orlok's Elementary School for Vampires face a cheating werewolf in a game of casketball, nine-year-old Lee Price asks his friend, Boris the bat, for help.

**Justin Case: shells, smells and the horrible flip-flops of doom****Rachel Vail**

Justin worries his way through summer camp, where the requirements of the mess hall, swimming, and getting picked for teams are shaped by old and new friendships as well as a first crush.

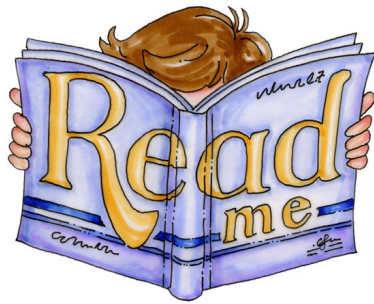
**Fish You Were Here****Colleen Venable**

Guinea pig Sasspants knows something is wrong with ninth-grader Viola, the new pet shop assistant, so when Mr. Venezi goes missing Sasspants and Hamisher put their private investigation skills to the test.

**The Boxcar Children****Gertrude Warner**

Four orphans take shelter in an old, red boxcar during a storm, and, determined to make it on their own, they turn it into a safe, cozy home.

*\*Part of the Boxcar Children Series*



**Calvin Coconut: Man Trip**  
**Graham Salisbury**

Fourth-grader Calvin flies from Oahu to the big island of Hawaii to go on a deep-sea fishing trip with Ledward, his mother's boy-friend, and learns to appreciate other living creatures--especially one enormous marlin.

*\* Part of the Calvin Coconut Series*

**Stuey Lewis Against All Odds**  
**Jane Schoenberg**

Third-grader Stuey Lewis navigates the ups and downs of school and family life.

**Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Carnival Crime**  
**Donald Sobol**

Ten brief cases allow the reader to match wits with ten-year-old crime-buster, Encyclopedia Brown, as he investigates such cases as toys missing from a fair, music stolen from a singer-songwriter, and arrowheads that disappear during a campout.



**Flat Stanley**  
**Jeff Brown**

Meet Stanley Lambchop. He's an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. He's four feet tall, about a foot wide . . . oh, and half an inch thick. At first being flat is fine. It's fun going in and out of rooms simply by sliding under the door. And it's exciting being mailed to your friends in California for a visit. But it's not always easy being different, and soon Stanley wishes he could be just like everybody else. Will he ever be normal again?

**Bad Kitty For President**  
**Nick Bruel**

Kitty decides to run for President of the Neighborhood Cat Association.

*\*Part of the Bad Kitty series*

**Minnie and Moo and the Haunted Sweater**  
**Denys Cazet**

Minnie and Moo want to give special presents to the Farmer for his birthday, but something goes awry when Moo knits him a sweater.

*\*Part of the Minnie & Moo series*

**Puppy Power**  
**Judy Cox**

Boisterous third-grader Fran has trouble controlling herself, but learning how to train her gigantic Newfoundland puppy helps her gain enough self-control to win the part of princess in the class play. Includes instructions on puppy training.

### **The Secret Chicken Society**

**Judy Cox**

When Daniel's third-grade class raises baby chicks for a class project and he takes the five chickens home for the summer, he is surprised when one of them turns out to be a rooster.

### **The Minpins**

**Roald Dahl**

Ignoring warnings against it, little Billy enters the Forest of Sins, only to be pursued by the fearsome Grinder, a creature who chases him high up an ancient tree, where he encounters a city of tree-dwelling, matchstick-sized people.

### **Bink & Gollie, Two for One**

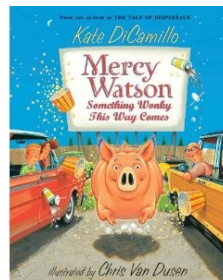
**Kate DiCamillo**

The state fair is in town, and now Bink and Gollie-utter opposites and best friends extraordinaire-must use teamwork and their gray matter while navigating its many wonders. Will the energetic Bink win the world's largest donut in the Whack-a-Duck game? Will the artistic Gollie wow the crowd in the talent show? As the undaunted duo steps into the mysterious tent of fortune-teller Madame Prunely, one prediction is crystal clear: this unlikely pair will always be the closest of pals.

### **Mercy Watson: Something wonky this way comes**

**Kate DiCamillo**

Mr. and Mrs. Watson think it is a wonderful idea to bring their pet pig Mercy to the drive-in, and when Mercy arrives, she sets off on a mission to find her own buttery bucket of popcorn, much to the dismay of the other movie patrons.



### **Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus**

**Barbara Park**

In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.

*\*Part of the Junie B. Jones Series*

### **Amelia Bedelia**

**Peggy Parish**

A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.

*\* Part of the Amelia Bedelia series*

### **Clementine**

**Sara Pennypacker**

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

*\*Part of the Clementine series*

### **The Yellow Yacht**

**Ron Roy**

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose help catch the thieves who have stolen gold from Sammi's parents, the king and queen of Costra.

*\*Part of the A-Z Mysteries Series*

### **Henry & Mudge and the Tumbling Trip**

**Cynthia Rylant**

Henry, his parents, and his dog Mudge take a vacation out West, where they enjoy tumbleweeds, desert animals, souvenirs, and the wide open spaces.

*\*Part of the Henry & Mudge Series*

**Marty McGuire****Kate Messner**

When tomboy Marty is cast as the princess in the third-grade play, she learns about improvisation, which helps her become more adaptable.

**Dash****Elizabeth Mills**

Jenny wants to try barrel racing and spends time training with her quarter horse, Dash, but she is apprehensive as the day for her first race at the rodeo approaches.

*\*Part of the Breyer Stablemates series*

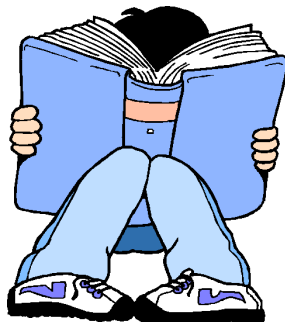
**Lost A Dog Called Bear****Wendy Orr**

When Logan's dog runs away as he and his mother are moving to a new home after his parents separate, a girl named Hannah, who longs for a dog of her own, finds him.

**Abe Lincoln at Last****Mary Pope Osborne**

The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie to Washington D.C. in the 1860s where they meet Abraham Lincoln and collect a feather that will help break a magic spell.

*\*Part of the Magic Tree House*

**Star Time****Patricia Reilly Giff**

Gina wants more than anything to be the star of the show that her class will perform, but everything seems to go wrong until she makes a generous choice.

**Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel****Nikki Grimes**

Spunky third-grader Dyanonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home.

**Just Grace and the Double Surprise****Charise Harper**

While Grace and her best friend Mimi are waiting for the arrival of the baby sister Mimi's family plans to adopt, Grace gets a big surprise.

**I Barfed on Mrs. Kenly****Jessica Harper**

When Cleo has a bout of carsickness on her way to a birthday swimming party, she is terribly embarrassed but her friend's mother helps her to forget the incident by encouraging Cleo to show off her talent for diving.

**Sadie & Ratz****Sonya Hartnett**

Hannah and her hands, named Sadie and Ratz, regularly get into trouble, especially when younger brother Baby Boy is around.

**Baby Mouse: Mad Scientist****Jennifer Holm**

While working on a school science fair project, Babymouse discovers Squish, a new species of amoeba that talks and eats cupcakes.

### **The Best Seat In Second Grade**

**Katharine Kenah**

Sam's favorite thing about second grade is the class pet, a hamster named George Washington, so when the class goes on a field trip to a science museum, Sam cannot resist bringing George along.

### **Martin Bridge: in high gear!**

**Jessica Scott Kerrin**

Martin's back in two more stories. For their science fair project, Martin's team is going to help save the planet by organizing a beach walk. In the second story, Martin learns what it takes to score an A+ in teamwork and puts his knowledge of tools to good use as a volunteer at Bicycle Recycle.



### **Yikes! Bikes!**

**Abby Klein**

Freddy and his classmates are going to participate in a Bike-a-Thon to help raise money for a local animal shelter, and Freddy needs to learn how to ride a two-wheeler.

### **Horrible Harry and the Scarlet Scissors**

**Suzy Kline**

The kids in Room 3B are asked to draw posters of things that they love, and one of them will get to share his or her poster on TV.

### **Alvin Ho: Allergic to camping, hiking, and other natural disasters**

**Lenore Look**

When Alvin's father takes him camping to instill a love of nature, like that of their home-town hero Henry David Thoreau, Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything.

### **Ruby Lu**

**Lenore Look**

Ruby Lu's father loses his job on her first day of third grade, which causes many things in her life to change, and she is willing to do a lot to help out but giving up some things seems impossible.

### **Katie Woo Saves Thanksgiving**

**Fran Manushkin**

When a snowstorm causes the power to go out Katie and her parents think their Thanksgiving dinner with JoJo and Pedro is ruined, but by being a good neighbor, Katie saves the day.

### **Stink and the midnight zombie walk**

**Megan McDonald**

Stink and his friends try to earn money to buy the latest book in the Nightmare on Zombie Street series and go to the book release party.  
*\*Part of the Stink Series*

### **The Cats in the Doll Shop**

**Yona McDonough**

With World War I raging in Europe, eleven-year-old Anna is thrilled to learn that her cousin Tania is coming from Russia to stay with Anna's family on the lower East Side of New York, and although Tania is shy and withdrawn when she arrives, her love of cats helps her adjust to her new family.

