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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 3rd Graders

**How Tia Lola Ended Up Starting Over****Jula Alvarez**

Worried that Papa Espada cannot find a job, Tía Lola, Juanita, Miguel, and the "Sword" sisters decide to start a bed and breakfast at Colonel Charlebois's Vermont house.

**Beyond Lucky****Sarah Aronson**

Twelve-year-old Ari Fish is sure that the rare trading card he found has changed his luck and that of his soccer team, but after the card is stolen he comes to know that we make our own luck, and that heroes can be fallible.

**Me!:(just like you, only better)****Jamie Kelly**

Jamie Kelly writes in her diary about her "flawless" friend, Angelina, her favorite band, and all the trials and tribulations of middle school.

*\* Part of the Dear Dum Diary Series*

**Mousenet****Prudence Breitrose**

Sent to live with her chef father and his wife in Oregon after having stayed with her inventor uncle and scientist mother in Cincinnati, ten-year-old misfit Megan is lonely until she starts working with some computer-savvy mice to try to save Mouse Nation--and the planet.

**The Everafter War****Michael Buckley**

After their parents awake from a sleeping spell, Daphne and Sabrina become caught in the middle of a war between the Scarlet Hand and Prince Charming's Everafter army and learn a shocking secret about a deadly enemy.

**Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie****Juile Sternberg**

When nine-year-old Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one.

**It's the First Day of School...Forever!****R.L. Stine**

Everything goes wrong for eleven-year-old Artie on his first day at Ardmore Middle School, from the moment his alarm goes off until the next morning, when everything is repeated exactly the same way.

*\*Part of the Goosebumps series*

**My Diary****Gilles Tibo**

A young girl shares many things, including thoughts on becoming a big sister, freedom, joy, death, peace, and hope, through secrets, lists, poems, and inventions recorded in her diary.

**Kickers****Rich Wallace**

With help from his older brother Larry, nine-year-old Ben learns to cope with his nervousness about the Kickers League playoffs.

**The Star Maker****Laurence Yep**

With the help of his popular Uncle Chester, a young Chinese American boy tries hard to fulfill a promise to have firecrackers for everyone on the Chinese New Year in 1954. Includes an afterword with information about the Chinese customs portrayed in the story.



**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 boyfriend, and learns to appreciate other living creatures--especially one enormous marlin.

**Tricky Coyote Tales****Chris Schweizer**

Coyote seeks food and fun in the canyons and hills of the southwest, and the reader helps him make choices as he encounters many other creatures, some friendly and some dangerous.

**Spaceheadz****Jon Scieszka**

With only one hundred more Spaceheadz to sign up, Michael K.'s friends start planning an Earth-saving party but Michael fears the Brainwave might be used for a much more sinister purpose.

**Smells Like Treasure****Suzanne Selfors**

Farm boy Homer faces another challenge for his uncle's spot in the Society of Legends, Objects, Secrets, and Treasures but Dog's hidden ability to smell treasure guides the duo as clues lead them to fantastic mansions and hidden islands.

**Mo Wren Lost & Found****Tricia Springstubb**

When eleven-year-old Mo's mother dies in an accident and Mo's devastated father deals with the loss by moving the family to a new town and starting a new life as the owner of a sports bar, Mo must leave her much loved neighborhood on Fox Street to live in an apartment above the "cursed" Corky's Tavern.

**Spunky Tells All****Ann Cameron**

Called a troublemaker by his human family, a reflective dog defends himself and then relates the family's adoption of an aristocratic but incompetent cat, who gives him a life purpose and a new way of looking at his world.

**The Chocolate Touch****Patrick Skene Catling**

Recounts the trials and tribulations of a greedy boy's predicament when everything he touches turns to chocolate.

**Mouse and the Motorcycle****Beverly Cleary**

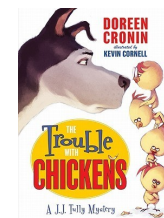
A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

**Ramona Quimby, age 8****Beverly Cleary**

The further adventures of the Quimby family as Ramona enters the third grade.

**The Trouble with Chickens****Doreen Cornin**

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.



**Love of the Game****John Coy**

Sixth-grader Jackson has a rough start in middle school, with bullies on the bus, few classes with his friends, and changes at home but some good teachers, meeting a girl, joining a club, and playing football soon turn things around.

**The Great Hamster Massacre****Katie Davies**

After a long pestering campaign, nine-year-old Anna and her younger brother Tom finally get a pair of hamsters, but when the pets are found mysteriously dead, the siblings and neighbor Suzanne launch an investigation throughout their neighborhood.

**The Tale of Despereaux: being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup and a spool of thread****Kate Dicamillo**

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

**Luz Sees the Light****Claudia Davila**

One minute, Luz and her friends are snacking on chocolate bars and getting rides to the mall. The next, Luz's mom can't afford gas or groceries, and the city is dimmed by blackouts. Luz sets her heart on transforming her fossil-fueled world, but how much can one twelve-year-old do?

**James and the Giant Peach****Roald Dahl**

Wonderful adventures abound when James escapes from his fearful aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach.

**Daphne's Diary of Daily Disasters: the name game!****Marissa Moss**

In her diary, Daphne Davis doodles, draws, and documents a series of disasters on her first two days of fourth grade, most of which result from her new teacher accidentally calling her Daffy.

**Nim's Island****Wendy Orr**

Nim loves her island home and the animals she shares it with even while her scientist father is away doing research, but trouble is on the way and a new e-mail friend could be the only one who can help.

**Secrets at Sea****Richard Peck**

In 1887, the social-climbing Cranstons voyage from New York to London, where they hope to find a husband for their awkward older daughter, secretly accompanied by Helena and her mouse siblings, for whom the journey is both terrifying and wondrous as they meet an array of titled humans despite their best efforts at remaining hidden.

**When Life Gives You O.J.****Erica Perl**

Zelly Fried wants a dog more than anything, so at the urging of her grandfather, during the summer before sixth grade she takes care of a "practice dog" made out of an orange juice jug to show her parents that she is ready for the responsibility, even though she is sometimes not entirely sure about the idea.

**Knuckle & Potty Destroy Happy World****James Proimos**

When a place in a book called Happy World becomes just too perfect and sweet for a tiger named Knuckle and a bear named Potty, they decide the only way to get out is to erase it.

**Dying to Meet You****Kate Klise**

In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author, I. B. Grumpy, gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.

**Bliss****Kathryn Littlewood**

Twelve-year-old Rose Bliss wants to work magic in her family's bakery as her parents do, but when they are called away and Rose and her siblings are left in charge, the magic goes awry and a beautiful stranger tries to talk Rose into giving her the Bliss Cookery Booke.

**Bless This Mouse****Lois Lowry**

Mouse Mistress Hildegard musters all her ingenuity to keep a large colony of church mice safe from the exterminator and to see that they make it through the dangerous Blessing of the Animals.

**Waiting for the Magic****Patricia MacLachlan**

When Papa goes away for a little while, his family tries to cope with the separation by adopting four dogs and a cat.

**Judy Moody, Girl Detective****Megan McDonald**

When a puppy who is being trained as a police dog goes missing, third-grader Judy forms a detective agency to solve the mystery, imitating her literary heroine, Nancy Drew.

*\*Part of the Judy Moody Series*

**Lucy, the Diamond Fairy****Daisy Meadows**

After Jack Frost steals the seven jewels from Queen Titania's crown, Lucy needs to recover the diamond quickly so that the fairies will be able to fly again.

*\* Part of the Rainbow Magic series*

**Like the Willow Tree****Lois Lowry**

After being orphaned during the influenza epidemic of 1918, eleven-year-old Lydia Pierce and her fourteen-year-old brother are taken by their grieving uncle to be raised in the Shaker community at Sabbathday Lake. Includes author's note about the Shakers.

*\* Part of the Dear American series*

**The Family Hitchcock****Dan Elish**

When they agree to a summertime house swap with an unknown family in Paris, the four members of the Hitchcock family inadvertently get mixed up in a ring of international espionage.

**The Hundred Dresses****Eleanor Estes**

In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.

**The Case of the Ruby Slippers****Martha Freeman**

With the help of their rambunctious dog, Hooligan, seven-year-old Tessa and ten-year-old Cammie, daughters of the first female president, investigate when Dorothy's ruby slippers vanish while on loan to the White House.

**Barn Boot Blues****Catherine Friend**

When her parents swap urban life in Minneapolis for rural life on a farm 100 miles away, twelve-year-old Taylor feels as if she is living on another planet.

**Stone Fox****John Reynolds Gardiner**

In spite of tremendous odds, a ten-year-old boy and his dog are determined to win a dogsled race and the five-hundred-dollar prize.

**Miss Laney is Zany****Dan Gutman**

When Ella Mentry School is threatened with closure due to budget cuts, A.J.'s new speech teacher, Miss Laney, comes up with a brilliant, if weird, plan to save the day.

**Squish****Jennifer Holm**

At swim camp, Squish's new friend Basil helps him avoid learning to swim with pranks that sometimes go too far, but the comic book exploits of Squish's idol, "Super Amoeba," help him deal with Basil and conquer his fear.

**Piper Reed Campfire Girl****Kimberly Holt**

Fifth-grader Piper and her sisters are thrilled about their first-ever camping trip until they learn it will be on Halloween, but other Navy families join them, including an annoying new member of the Gypsy Club.

**Medusa the Mean****Joan Holub**

Medusa Gorgon is definitely not part of the popular crowd. With snakes for hair and an even snakier personality, no one at Mount Olympus Academy is clamoring to be BFFs with her. But deep down, Medusa just wants to fit in. And she thinks the key to all her problems is immortality - something that most of her classmates and her own sisters have. The Immortalizer necklace promises to make that dream come true. But at what price?

*\* Part of the Goddess Girls Series*

**The Ogre of Oglefort****Eva Ibbotson**

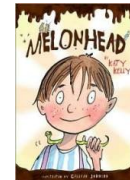
When the Hag of Dribble, an orphan boy, and a troll called Ulf are sent to rescue a princess from an ogre, it turns out to be far from the routine magical mission they expect.

**Invisible Inkling****Emily Jenkins**

When Hank Wolowitz runs into trouble in the form of a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an unlikely ally in an invisible refugee pumpkin-loving bandapat named Inkling.

**Emmy and the Rats****Lynne Jonell**

Ten-year-old Emmy and her rodent friends must fend off the evil former nanny, Miss Barmy, as they search for Ratty's missing mother.

**Melonhead****Katy Kelly**

In the Washington, D.C. neighborhood of Capitol Hill, Lucy Rose's friend Adam "Melonhead" Melon, a budding inventor with a knack for getting into trouble, enters a science contest that challenges students to recycle an older invention into a new invention.

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever****Jeff Kinney**

Greg is the prime suspect when school property has been damaged, but he is innocent. When a surprise blizzard hits, he finds himself trapped home with his family.