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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.

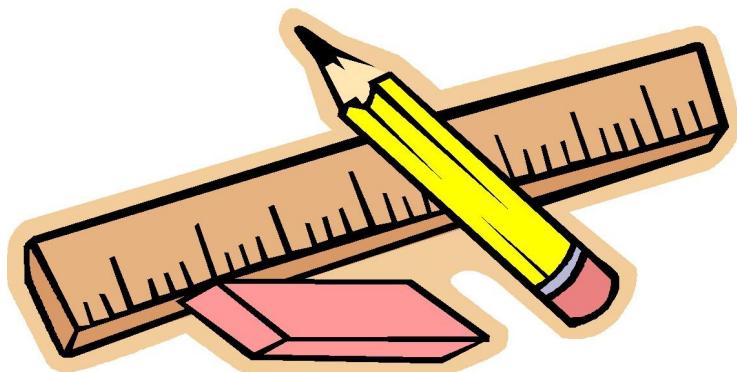
We do this by:

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 4th Graders

## Dancing Home

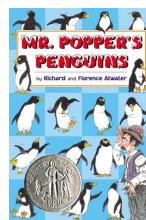
### Alama Ada

When Margie's cousin Lupe comes from Mexico to live in California with Margie's family, Lupe must adapt to America, while Margie, who thought it would be fun to have her cousin there, finds that she is embarrassed by her in school and jealous of her at home.

## Darth Paper Strikes Back

### Tom Angleberger

Something amazing happened. A weird kid named Dwight made an origami finger puppet of Yoda. (That wasn't the amazing thing --just typical Dwight weirdness). The amazing thing was that the origami Yoda gave great advice. He could predict the date of a pop quiz, tell a guy if a girl liked him or not, and keep kids from embarrassing themselves a dozen different ways. Most of the sixth graders were convinced he was using the Force.



## Mr. Popper's Penguins

### Richard Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

## Jacob Wonderbar and the Cosmic Space Kapow

### Nathan Bransford

When sixth-grade classroom terror Jacob Wonderbar and his friends Sarah and Dexter find a spaceship crashed in the woods near their suburban neighborhood, their discovery leads them to a series of adventures including space travel, substitute teachers, kidnapping, and more.

## Show time

### Sue Stauffacher

Keisha's fighting her nerves as the annual jump rope competition approaches, Razi's tap-dancing around the house excited about his school performance, and the rampant squirrels at Mt. Mercy College are putting on a show of their own!

## Hound Dog True

### Linda Urban

Mattie, a shy fifth-grader, wants to hide out at her new school by acting as apprentice to her Uncle Potluck, the custodian, but her plan falls apart when she summons the courage to speak about what matters most and finds a true friend.

## The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making

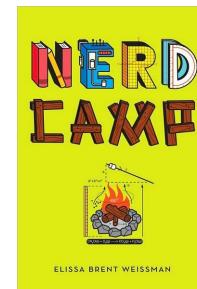
### Catherynne Valente

Twelve-year-old September's ordinary life in Omaha turns to adventure when a Green Wind takes her to Fairyland to retrieve a talisman the new and fickle Marquess wants from the enchanted woods.

## Nerd Camp

### Elissa Weissman

For ten-year-old Gabe, the Summer Center for Gifted Enrichment is all that he dreamed it would be, but he must work hard to write about the fun in letters to Zach, his cool future stepbrother, without revealing that it is a camp for "nerds".



### **Vordak the Incomprehensible: rule the school**

**Scott Seeger**

When one of his experiments makes supervillain Vordak the Incomprehensible younger, he comes out of retirement to launch his latest attempt to defeat Commander Virtue and rule the world, starting with Farding Junior High School.

### **Escape From Planet Yastol**

**Pamela Service**

Eleven-year-old Joshua Higgins' prize-winning science fiction novel draws the attention of sinister blue aliens who capture Josh and his sister Maggie and take them to the planet Yastrol, the setting of his novel.

### **The Great Wall of Lucy Wu**

**Wendy Shang**

Eleven-year-old aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit and Lucy will have to share a room with her for several months, shattering her plans for a perfect sixth-grade year.

### **Bigger Than a Bread Box**

**Laurel Snyder**

Devastated when her parents separate, twelve-year-old Rebecca must move with her mother from Baltimore to Gran's house in Atlanta, where Rebecca discovers an old bread box with the power to grant any wish -- so long as the wished-for thing fits in the bread box.

### **The Romeo & Juliet Code**

**Phoebe Stone**

During World War II, eleven-year-old Felicity is sent from London to Bottlebay, Maine, to live with her grandmother, aunt, uncle, and a reclusive boy who helps her decode mysterious letters that contain the truth about her missing parents.

### **Will at the Battle of Gettysburg**

**Laurie Calkhoven**

In 1863, twelve-year-old Will, who longs to be a drummer in the Union army, is stuck in his sleepy hometown of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, but when the Union and Confederate armies meet right there in his town, he and his family are caught up in the fight. Includes historical notes, glossary, and a timeline of events.

### **Floors**

**Patrick Carman**

Ten-year-old Leo's future and the fate of the extraordinary Whippet Hotel, where his father is the maintenance man, are at stake when a series of cryptic boxes leads Leo to hidden floors, strange puzzles, and unexpected alliances.

### **Things That Go Bump In The Night**

**Patrick Carman**

A collection of 10 spooky stories that each include web addresses and passwords to access the online audio introductions and the online video conclusions.

### **No Passengers Beyond This Point**

**Gennifer Choldenko**

With their house in foreclosure, sisters India and Mouse and brother Finn are sent to stay with an uncle in Colorado until their mother can join them, but when the plane lands, the children are welcomed by cheering crowds to a strange place where each of them has a perfect house and a clock that is ticking down the time.

### **The Governor's Dog is Missing**

**Sneed Collard**

Recounts the humorous and dramatic adventures of twelve-year-old sleuths Slate Stephens and Daphne McSweeney as they scramble to find Cat, the Governor of Montana's missing dog.

### **Rumors from boys' room: a blogtastic! novel**

**Rose Cooper**

A comic misadventure presented from the viewpoints of sixth-grader Sofia Becker's male counterparts who consider their respective challenges with friendship, popularity and girls.

### **The Weirder the Better**

**Stasia Decker-Ahmed**

Jamie Smyth starts a club at her new middle school for her fellow students with unique qualities.

### **The Exquisite Corpse Adventure**

Twins Joe and Nancy were raised in a circus but on their eleventh birthday they learn their parents are still alive and need their help, so they set out on an quest filled with many extraordinary beings and adventures. Consists of twenty-seven episodes by nineteen authors and pictures by five illustrators.

### **The Midnight Tunnel**

**Angie Frazier**

In 1905, Suzanna is in training to be a well-mannered hostess at a Loch Harbor, New Brunswick, hotel, but her dream of being a detective gets a boost when a seven-year-old guest goes missing and Suzanna's uncle, a famous detective, comes to solve the case.

### **The Black Heart Crypt**

**Chris Grabenstein**

A 200-year-old ghost inhabits a living ancestor in order to take revenge on eleven-year-old Zack and his family.

### **The Other Felix**

**Keir Graff**

Worrying about his father losing his job and the bully at school, fourth-grader Felix has terrifying dreams of the same monster-filled place every night until he meets someone there who looks and sounds strangely familiar.

### **The Aviary**

**Kathleen O'Dekk**

In late nineteenth-century Maine, isolated, eleven-year-old Clara Dooley gains a friend and uncovers a magical secret that changes her life when she learns to care for the once-feared birds in the aviary attached to the Glendoveer mansion where she lives.

### **Big Nate From the Top**

**Lincoln Peirce**

Nate Wright is an eleven year old sixth grader who has the distinction of setting the record for school detentions.

\* *Read the rest of the Big Nate Series*

### **Bird in a Box**

**Andrea Pinkney**

In 1936, three children meet at the Mercy Home for Negro Orphans in New York State, and while not all three are orphans, they are all dealing with grief and loss which together, along with the help of a sympathetic staff member and the boxing matches of Joe Louis, they manage to overcome.

### **A Dog's Way Home**

**Bobbie Pyron**

After a car accident strands them at opposite ends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, eleven-year-old Abby and her beloved sheltie Tam overcome months filled with physical and emotional challenges to find their way back to each other.

### **The Secret Ingredient**

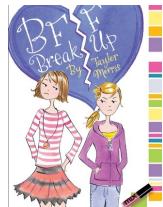
**Laura Schafer**

While working at her grandmother's Madison, Wisconsin, teashop, fourteen-year-old Annie hears of a scone cook-off, for which the prize is an all-expense paid trip to London for tea, and enlists Genna and Zoe to help her win. Includes proverbs, quotations, and brief stories about tea, as well as recipes.

## **The Adventures Sir Gawain the True**

**Gerald Morris**

Relates the adventures of Sir Gawain, the only undefeated knight in King Arthur's court, who eventually learns the value of friendship, courtliness, and courtesy after a challenge from the Green Knight.



## **BFF Break Up**

**Taylor Morris**

Brooke and Madeline plan to be best friends forever, until challenges in middle school cause cracks in their relationship, and they must determine if the friendship is worth salvaging.

## **Ten**

**Lauren Myracle**

Winnie celebrates her unique style through her first year with a double-digit age as she has many new experiences, from the high of spending time in New York City with her aunt and big sister, to the low of her two best friends suddenly becoming interested in boys.

## **Lights on the Nile**

**Donna Napoli**

Kepi didn't want to go to Ineb Hedj. She wanted to go home. That was the right thing for her. But it wasn't the right thing for her father. She'd promised herself that if she ever got the chance to talk to Pharoah Khufu, she'd take it. What was the point of a promise if you didn't keep it?

## **Mimi**

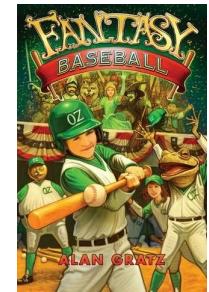
**John Newman**

Mimi is determined not to give up on anyone or anything, but since Mammy died, her father never smiles, her sister Sally is in a bad mood, brother Conor keeps to himself, and even Sparkler the dog does not want to go for walks.

## **Fantasy Baseball**

**Alan Gratz**

A twelve-year-old boy wakes up in Ever After, where he is recruited by Dorothy to play first base for the Oz Cyclones in the Ever After Baseball Tournament.



## **Mission Unstoppable**

**Dan Gutman**

On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files.

## **A Gaggle of Goblins**

**Suzanne Harper**

Nine-year-old Poppy's parents are paranormal investigators who have never actually found anything, but that may change when they move to Austin, Texas, and Poppy meets a goblin in the attic of their new house.

## **Maggie and Oliver**

**Valerie Hobbs**

A dog whose beloved owner has died and an orphaned ten-year-old girl find each other while enduring poverty and homelessness in early-twentieth-century Boston.

## **Meeting**

**Nina Hoffman**

Middle school student Maya Andersen and her family move to Oregon, where the residents of the apartment building next to them have magical powers and the basement is a portal to other worlds, which Maya and her secret alien companion, Rimi, must use to track down aliens who snatched Rimi from her home planet in an attempt to rule the universe.

## **The Girl Behind the Glass**

**Jane Kelley**

Moving from Brooklyn to a rental house in the country strains the relationship between eleven-year-old identical twins Hannah and Anna Zimmer, a situation made worse by the ghost of a girl who is trapped in the house because of problems with her own sister eighty years before.

## **Scary School**

**Derek Kent**

Charles Nukid struggles to adjust to the bizarre and scary teachers and students at the Scary School, including an 850-year-old vampire, Dr. Dragonbreath, Frankenstein's monster, and other surprising residents.

## **Better Than Weird**

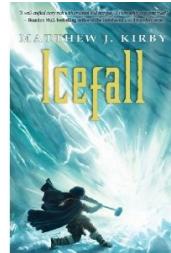
**Anna Kerz**

Aaron, who lives with his grandmother since his mother's death, copes with hyperactivity, his relationships with his best friend and a school bully, and his grandmother's health as he awaits his father's return with a surprise.

## **Icefall**

**Matthew Kirby**

Princess Solveig and her siblings are trapped in a hidden fortress tucked between towering mountains and a frozen fjord, along with her best friend and an army of restless soldiers, all awaiting news of the king's victory in battle, but as they wait for winter's end and the all-encompassing ice to break, acts of treachery make it clear that a traitor lurks in their midst.



## **Till Death Do Us Bark**

**Kate Klise**

In this story told mostly through letters, Noah Breth's feuding children come to Ghastly, Illinois, to follow a trail of limericks to their inheritance, while Seymour tries to convince Iggy and Olive to let him keep Mr. Breth's dog.

## **Ten Rules of Living With My Sister**

**Ann Martin**

Nine-year-old Pearl and her popular, thirteen-year-old sister, Lexie, do not get along very well, but when their grandfather moves in and the girls have to share a room, they must find common ground.

## **13 Gifts**

**Wendy Mass**

Shortly before her thirteenth birthday, shy and withdrawn Tara is sent to stay with her aunt, uncle, and cousin in her parents' hometown of Willow Falls, where she makes friends and becomes involved with an elderly buyer and seller of collectibles, who seems to be trying to give Tara some kind of mysterious message.

## **Cloudy with a Chance of Boys**

**Megan McDonald**

While older sister Alex is trying to orchestrate a perfect first kiss with her heartthrob and younger sister Joey prefers frogs to boys, Stevie Reel wonders if she is ready for a boyfriend while being pursued by a new boy in her class.

## **The Fires Beneath the Sea**

**Lydia Millet**

Cara, Max and Jackson's mother has disappeared, possibly because of her oceanographic research. Now Cara is receiving messages from marine animals.