

Summer Reading List Rising Third and Fourth Graders



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RECOMMENDED READING LIST



Blabey, Aaron. ***The Bad Guys***.

Graphic novel format. The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound—but their plan soon goes awry.

Brown, Jeff. ***Flat Stanley***. After being flattened by a bulletin board, Stanley wakes up to discover he is FLAT! While this predicament has its downsides, the positive is he can be rolled up, easily mailed anywhere, and even used as a kite on a windy day. His situation also makes him a hero when he thwarts some art thieves.

Cannon, Janell. ***Stellaluna***. Stellaluna, becomes separated from her mother and finds her way to a nest of birds. She is adopted by them and learns bird-like behavior.

DiCamillo, Kate. ***Flora & Ulysses***. Flora Belle Buckman, a self-proclaimed cynic, spends her time reading comic books and struggling to understand her parents' recent divorce. She is jolted into action when the neighbor runs over a squirrel with a vacuum cleaner. Flora then names the squirrel Ulysses after the vacuum cleaner accident.

Pilkey, Dav. ***Dog Man***. George and Harold have created a new hero who digs into deception, claws after crooks, and rolls over robbers. When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history, and Dog Man is born. With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this heroic hound has a real nose for justice. But can he resist the call of the wild to answer the call of duty?

Rissi, Anica Mrose. ***Anna, Banana, and the Friendship Split***. Anna and Sadie have always been best friends so when Sadie suddenly starts being mean, Anna is very sad and seeks support from her dog Banana and classmate Isabel, as well as advice from her brother Chuck and her parents. *Series*

Scieszka, John. ***The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!*** In the story *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, the wolf sets out to tell his version of what really happened the day he blew all the houses down. The wolf claims that he is completely misunderstood.

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Steig, William. ***When Everybody Wore a Hat***. This is the story of a boy almost 100 years ago when fire engines were pulled by horses, boys did not play with girls, kids went to libraries for books, there was no TV, you could see a movie for a nickel, and everybody wore a hat.

Yolen, Jane. ***Animal Stories: Heartwarming True Tales from the Animal Kingdom***. National Geographic presents a collection of true animal stories from different historical periods, including the tales of Balto the Alaskan sled dog, Smoky the Bear, and internet sensation Christian the lion.

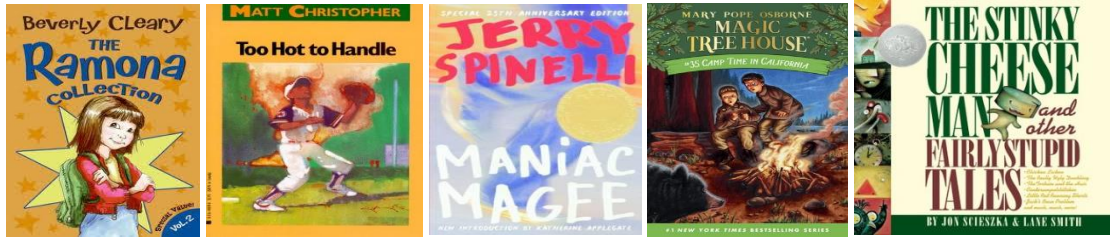
YOU MAY ALSO SELECT A BOOK FROM ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AUTHORS OR SERIES:

AUTHORS	SERIES
David Adler	A to Z Mysteries
Betsy Byars	Cam Jansen
Matt Christopher	Flat Stanley
Beverly Cleary	Iris and Walter series
Patricia Polacco	Judy Moody
Jon Scieszka	Magic Tree House
Avi	Amber Brown
Judy Blume	Clementine
Beverly Cleary	Encyclopedia Brown
Roald Dahl	Ramona
Paula Danzinger	Wayside School
Jerry Spinelli	The Mouse And The Motorcycle

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We want to encourage students to create a short video book review this summer. Book talks provide learners a choice in reading and reflecting, which promotes fluency, comprehension, and speaking and listening skills. Guide your child to reflect on a book then share their creation on Flipgrid!

How to submit a book talk video to the Grid:

- Log on to Plainfield's Summer Reading Book Talks using this link:
<https://flipgrid.com/summerbooktalk>
- Use your school's Google account or Plainfield email account
- On the right side of the screen you will see a blue scroll down menu **5 Topics** ▼
- Click on the blue arrow to locate the grade you are entering in September
- Click on the title and read the directions then scroll down and click on the big green plus button
- After selecting the green plus, complete these four easy steps to submit!

1. **Tap to record**

Tap the record button on the bottom to start. Add fun stickers, filters, text, and more. Tap the arrow on the bottom right to advance.

2. **Review your video.**

Trim, rearrange, or add more. Tap the arrow in the bottom right to advance.

3. **Take a selfie!**

The selfie will be the cover image for your video. Tap the arrow in the bottom right to advance. You may also hold up the title of your book (or a handwritten title) instead of a picture selfie.

4. **Submit your video!**

Edit your name, add a title, or attach a link. Then submit!

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