Plew Elementary Summer Reading List

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

• Asher: Too many Frogs
• Bailey: Stanley’s Party
• Bloom: A Splendid Friend Indeed
• Brett: Goldilocks and the Three Bears
• Bruel: Bad Kitty
• Carle: Mister Seahorse
• Cronin: Dooby, Dooby, Moo
• Cronin: Diary of a Fly
• Fleming: The First Day of Winter
• Hoffman: Amazing Grace
• Lester: Hooway for Wodney Wat
• McKinley: One Smile
• Numeroff: Beatrice Doesn’t Want To
• Prelutsky: Me I Am
• Rathmann: Officer Buckle and Gloria
• Cannon: Crickwing
• Crews: Below
• Ernst: Sylvia Jean, Drama Queen
• Hoberman: You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together
• James: Dear Mr. Blueberry
• Kline & Remkiewicz: Horrible Harry Stories
• Lobel: Frog and Toad stories classics
• Mayer: Little Critter
• McKissack: Flossie and the Fox
• McKissack: The Honest-to-Goodness Truth
• Numeroff: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and sequels
• McNaughton: Once Upon an Ordinary School Day
• Pallotta: Dory Story
• Parish: Amelia Bedelia
• Pearson: Ordinary Mary’s Extraordinary Deed
• Peterson: Don’t Forget Winona
• Polacco: Aunt Chip and the Triple Creek Dam Affair
• Rylant: Henry and Mudge stories
• Schachner: Skippyjon Jones
• Stevens: And the Dish Ran Away With the Spoon
• Waber: The House on East 88th Street
• Woodson: The Other Side
Before Entering First Grade

- **Asher: Too Many Frogs** c2005 animals, humor
  Each night Froggie interrupts Rabbit’s cozy home for a read-aloud story.

- **Bailey: Stanley’s Party** c2003 dogs, humor
  When a dog’s owners leave for the evening, he gets into a lot of mischief.

- **Bloom: A Splendid Friend Indeed** c2005 friendship
  A polar bear and a goose learn to get along and be friends.

- **Brett: Goldilocks and the Three Bears** c1987 fairy tale
  This favorite fairy tale features a young girl who enters the home of three bears who are not at home.

- **Bruel: Bad Kitty** c2005 alphabet book
  Finding that there is no food in the house, a kitty chooses to be very bad.

- **Carle: Mister Seahorse** c2004 animals, fiction
  Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs, after which Mr. Seahorse carries the eggs through the sea, greeting other fish fathers.

- **Cronin: Dooby, Dooby, Moo** c2004 animal humor
  Duck organizes the farm animals for a talent show at the county fair. The first prize is a trampoline.

- **Cronin: Diary of a Fly** c2005 insect, humor
  While keeping a diary, the young fly records how hard it is to be an insect.

- **Fleming: The First Day of Winter** c2005 counting, rhyming, diversity
  In the first ten days of winter a child brings a snowman to life in a style similar to The Twelve Days of Christmas.

- **Hoffman: Amazing Grace** c1991 ethnic diversity
  Grace is told by a fellow classmate that she can’t play Peter Pan in the school play because of her black skin color, but she learns she can do anything she tries to do.
• **Lester:** *Hooway for Wodney Wat* c1999 fantasy, abilities awareness
Students in Rodney’s class make fun of him, because he can’t pronounce his name properly; but it is his speech problem that helps to punish the class bully.

• **McKinley:** *One Smile* c2002 kindness
While walking through the park with her mother, a child smiles at a discouraged stranger and sets off a chain of events that spreads kindness and comes full circle.

• **Numeroff:** *Beatrice Doesn’t Want To* c2004 realistic fiction, humor
Beatrice Doesn’t Like to Read, but a librarian changes her attitude during a story session in this humorous, well illustrated book.

• **Prelutsky:** *Me I Am* c2007 poetry
A book of poem for children celebrating being an individual.

• **Rathmann:** *Officer Buckle and Gloria* c1995 safety, fiction
When Officer Buckle delivers safety speeches at a local elementary school, the students don’t listen until his police dog Gloria accompanies him.

• **Scotton:** *Russell the Sheep* c2005 animals, fiction
Russell experiments with many different ways to fall asleep.

• **Seuss:** *The Cat in the Hat* c1957 classic
On a rainy day, two children are visited by a cat who shows them games and tricks.

• **Shannon:** *A Bad Case of Stripes* c1998 individuality, fiction
A girl who is always concerned about what others think of her wakes up one day to discover she is covered with stripes.

• **Silverman:** *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: School Days* c2007 (series chapter book) fiction
Kate wants to go to school, but her horse wants to go too!
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**Before Entering Second Grade**

- **Cannon: Crickwing c2000 insects, fiction**  
  Crickwing the cockroach saves the day for the leaf-cutter ants when their forest enemies attack them.

- **Crews: Below c2006 fiction**  
  When Jack drops his action figure into a mysterious hole, he has to devise a rescue.

- **Ernst: Sylvia Jean, Drama Queen c2005 fantasy animals, humor**  
  Although Sylvia Jean owns plenty of costumes, she struggles to come up with a costume for the big party.

- **Hoberman: You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together c2001 rhyming stories**  
  This collection of short, rhythmic stories and cheerful art is designed to be read out loud by both child and adult.

- **James: Dear Mr. Blueberry c1991 letter writing**  
  A teacher and his young student correspond with each other concerning an imaginary whale in the little girl’s pond.

- **Lobel: Frog and Toad stories classics**  
  Each of the frog and toad stories include several short tales about two very good friends.

- **Mayer: Little Critter stories fantasy, animals**  
  Little Critter is a small creature who is amazingly like a young human boy. His adventures take place with different members of his family who expose him to daily life experiences.

- **McKissack: Flossie and the Fox c1986 folklore, ethnic diversity**  
  In this African American folk tale, a fox who is known for stealing eggs encounters a young girl who continues to deny that he is a fox without a lot of proof.

- **McKissack: The Honest-to-Goodness Truth c2000 character, ethnic diversity**  
  A young girl promises not to ever lie but then discovers that there are times that one actually should not tell the entire truth.

- **McNaughton: Once Upon an Ordinary School Day c2004 school story**  
  Mr. Gee, the new teacher, changes "ordinary" when he challenges all the children to use their imaginations.

- **Numeroff: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and sequels c1985 cumulative tales**  
  When a mouse requests a cookie, a cycle of events occurs that brings the reader full circle.
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- **Pallotta: Dory Story** c2000 sea story, fiction
  Danny's ocean adventures are completely enchanting, even if they take place in the bathtub.

- **Parish: Amelia Bedelia stories** classics, fiction
  Amelia Bedelia, who is a housekeeper, is very literal minded when others give her directions; the results are hilarious.

- **Pearson: Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed** c2002 kindness, fiction
  When young Mary secretly leaves berries on a lady's porch, the kindness is multiplied many times over by others.

- **Peterson: Don't Forget Winona** c2004 historical fiction
  In the 1930s during the days of the dust bowl in Oklahoma and the Great Depression, a young girl tells about her family's experiences on Route 66 heading toward California.

- **Polacco: Aunt Chip and the Triple Creek Dam Affair** c1996 TV, reading, fiction
  Since the invasion of television, no one can remember how to read.

- **Rylant: Henry and Mudge stories** family, dogs, humor
  A young boy named Henry and his dog Mudge share many adventures with Henry's parents and other important people in his life.

- **Schachner: Skippyjon Jones** c2003 humor
  This Siamese kitten spends his "time-out" imagining himself as "El-Skippito" who comes to the rescue of some Chihuahuas.

- **Stevens: And the Dish Ran Away With the Spoon** c2001 nursery rhymes
  From the Mother Goose nursery rhyme, Dish and Spoon run away. Concerned about the fate of the rhyme, Cat, Cow and Dog set out to find them.

- **Waber: The House On East 88th Street** c1962 crocodiles, classic
  When Lyle the Crocodile appears in the bathtub of the Primm family, the family is very upset; but Lyle soon wins their hearts.

- **Woodson: The Other Side** c2001 friendship, ethnic diversity
  A fence divides a town where two girls - one white and one black - sit and gradually become acquainted.
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Before Entering Third Grade

• **Banks:** *Max’s Words* c2006 fiction
  Max wants to start a collection since his brothers collect coins and stamps. Max decides to collect words and discovers the importance of how words are put together to create stories.

• **Bridges:** *Ruby’s Wish* c2002 historical fiction, ethnic diversity
  During the 1800s in China, when few girls learn to read and write, Ruby fervently desires to attend university with all the males in her family.

• **Bunting:** *One Green Apple* c2006 historical fiction, ethnic diversity
  Farah is new to the U.S. and her class. She feels alone until she goes on a field trip and realizes things are alike everywhere.

• **Christelow:** *Where’s the Big Bad Wolf* c2002 folk and fairy tale
  Every time the three pigs get in trouble the big bad wolf is nowhere to be found.

• **Cox:** *Butterfly Buddies* c2001 friendship, school story
  In this transition to chapter book story, two students working together on a project study the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly and learn how important it is to feel accepted.

• **Curtis:** *The Bat Boy and His Violin* c1998 sports, music, diversity
  Reginald loves to play his violin, but Papa wants him to be outdoors more and enlists him as the bat boy for the baseball team Papa manages. Reginald plays his violin in the dugout, and the team improves.

• **Demi:** *One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale* c1997 folklore, math
  A clever village girl outsmarts a selfish raja as one grain of rice doubles each day and becomes millions of grains of rice.

• **DiCamillo:** *Mercy Watson to the Rescue* c2005 animal, fantasy, humor
  Cute little pig Mercy is happy until the lights turn off at night, and she decides to join her owners in their bed.

• **Goble:** *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses* c1978 folklore, ethnic diversity
  In this folk tale, a Native-American girl prefers to live with the wild horses with which she feels happy and free, even though she loves her people.

• **Grindley:** *Dear Max* c2004 fiction
  Max begins writing letters to his favorite author, D. J. Lucas. Together they share the problems of being a 9-year-old who is being bullied and a famous author who is having trouble with her next book.
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- **Holm**: *Babymouse* c2005 graphic fiction, friendship, imagination
  A little mouse with a big imagination learns about true friendship and popularity.

- **Johnson**: *Just Like Josh Gibson* c2007 sports fiction, historical fiction
  A grandmother recounts the story of the day she was allowed to play in a baseball game, even though she was a girl.

- **Kerrin**: *Martin Bridge: Ready for Takeoff!* c2005 fiction
  Martin means well, but his ideas don’t always turn out as expected. In three stand-alone chapters, Martin deals with issues at home and school.

- **Pinkney**: *The Ugly Duckling* c1999 fairy tale
  This adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen classic portrays an unhappy year for an ugly duckling who eventually grows up and transforms into a beautiful swan.

- **Preller**: *Jigsaw Jones series* mystery
  Jigsaw Jones and his friend Mila put together pieces of information to solve various mysteries.

- **Stilton**: *The Geronimo Stilton series* mice, fantasy, mystery
  Geronimo Stilton is a mouse newspaper editor and journalist who travels the world to chase important interviews but winds up in the middle of adventures that involve solving intriguing mysteries.

- **Tunnell**: *Mailing May* c1997 historical fiction
  Five-year-old May wishes to visit her grandmother, but the train is too expensive. May's father and cousin concoct a clever means of sending the child after all.

- **Warner**: *Only Emma* c2005 fiction
  Emma’s mother loses her job, so Emma becomes the new kid in the school and neighborhood. An only child, Emma’s life changes when a four year old comes for a visit.

- **Willey**: *Clever Beatrice* c2001 folklore
  In this folk tale, a clever young girl matches her wits against a rich giant and wins all his gold, saving her family from poverty.

- **Wyeth**: *Something Beautiful* c2002 fiction
  A young girl finds just how many different forms beauty can take when she searches her urban neighborhood.
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3rd – 5th Grades

Grades 3 – 5

- The Puzzling World of Winston Breen, Eric Berlin
- Middle of Somewhere, J.B. Cheaney
- The Lemonade War, Jacqueline Davies
- The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School, Candace Fleming
- Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in it, Sundee T. Frazier
- Igraine the Brave, Cornelia Funke
- Found, Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Defiance, Valerie Hobbs
- Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat, Lynne Jonell
- Me and the Pumpkin Queen, Mariane Kennedy
- Year of the Dog, Grace Lin
- Highway Cats, Janet Taylor Lisle
- Punished, David Lubar
- Night of the Howling Dogs, Graham Salisbury
- Crooked Kind of Perfect, Linda Urban

Grades 4–5

- Animals in the House: A History of Pets and People, Sheila Keenan
- The Book Club Kit, Patti Kelley Criswell
- Crazy Cars, Matt Doeden
- Dare to Dream!, Carl Somer
- Riddle-iculous Math, Joan Holub
- Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best –Kept Secrets, John Farndon
- Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter, Mary Alice Monroe
- Every Minute on Earth: Fun Facts That Happen Every 60 Seconds, Steve Murrie and Matthew Murrie
- Extreme Pets!, Jane Harrington
- See What You Can Be: Explore Careers That Could Be For You!, Diane Heiman and Liz Suneby
- Because of Winn Dixie, Kate DiCamillo
- The Courage of Sarah Noble, Alice Dalgliesh
- Crossing Jordan, Adrian Fogelin
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Judy Blume
- Sarah, Plain and Tall, Patricia MacLachlan
- Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society, Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers
- Space Race, Sylvia Waugh
- Life Under Ice, Mary M. Cerullo
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- *Bud, Not Buddy*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, Scott O’Dell
- *Shiloh*, Phyllis Naylor
- *The Tale of Despereaux*, Kate DiCamillo
- *Schooled*, Gordon Korman
- *Maniac Magee*, Jerry Spinelli
- *The Report Card*, Andrew Clements
- *Things Not Seen*, Andrew Clements
- *Ginger Pye*, Elanor Estes
- *Bud, Not Buddy*, Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Dork in Disguise*, Carol Gorman
- *Ida B & Her Plans to Maximize Fun*, Katherine Hannigan
- *Rules*, Cynthia Lord