

Clovis Unified School District
Supplemental Literature for Grade 3

Book Title	Author	Summary
Ace: The Very Important Pig	King-Smith, Dick	Ace is an intelligent, lovable, unlikely pig hero, similar to his ancestor Babe: The Gallant Pig. Ace is distinguished from his littermates by a black mark in the shape of a club from a deck of cards, and also by his ability to understand human speech. The lonely, good-natured Farmer Tubbs is used to talking to his animals, but he is amazed when this young piglet makes his wants known with different grunts.
Agatha's Feather Bed	Deedy, Carmen Agra	Professional storyteller Carmen Deedy spins a riotous morality tale in Agatha's Feather Bed. Agatha, a weaver, orders a new feather bed from B.B. Lean, then six shivering, geese pay her a visit.
All About Sam	Lowry, Lois	The adventures of Sam, Anastasia Krupnik's younger brother, from his first day as a newborn through his mischievous times as a toddler.
An Occasional Cow	Horvath, Polly	When Imogene found out she had to leave New York City for the summer and visit relatives in Iowa, she certainly did not expect to have all the excitement and fun she ended up having.
Annie and the Old One	Miles, Miska	Faced with the impending death of her much-loved grandmother, Annie gradually comes to recognize the wonder of all living things and the justice of every creature's eventual return to the earth.
Atta Boy, Sam	Lowry, Lois	Sam Krupnik, a delightfully funny four-year-old, needs a birthday gift for his mom. Sam decides to make his own perfume for his mother. Sam sets out to collect his mom's favorite smells in an old grape juice container. He collects seawater, chicken soup, hair, tissues from a baby, and yeast. Sam finds himself in some amusing predicaments! He is scared of his gift when it starts bubbling and gurgling in his toy box. The surprise ending reveals what happens to his perfume and the emergency gift that his family gives to Mrs. Krupnik to wish her a happy birthday.
Aunt Chip and the Triple Creek Dam Affair	Polacco, Patricia	Because of television, a whole town forgets how to read until Aunt Chip, the town librarian, intervenes.
Bad Case of Stripes, A	Shannon, David	In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.
Bandit's Moon	Fleischman, Sid	Orphan Annyrose sets off to find her brother in the California gold fields, is held hostage by O.O. Mary, and rescued by the notorious outlaw Joaquin Murietta. Thinking Annyrose is a boy, Murietta spares her life after she promises to teach him to read so that he can find out what is being said about him in newspapers and on posters.
Battle for the Castle	Winthrop, Elizabeth	William and friend Jason time-travel to the Middle Ages, where they become involved in a struggle to prevent the return of evil as a ruling power.
Because of Winn Dixie	DiCamillo, Kate	When Opal and her father, the preacher, move to Florida, Opal goes into a Winn-Dixie supermarket and comes out with a dog. With the help of her new pal, Opal makes a variety of new, interesting friends. She spends the summer collecting stories about them and thinking about her absent mother.
Ben Franklin and the Magic Square	Murphy, Frank Waltz, Richard	In this offering from the Step into Reading + Math series, young readers will learn about both Benjamin Franklin and magic squares--square grids of numerals in which all the numbers in any vertical, horizontal, or diagonal row adds up to the same sum.
Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Robinson, Barbara	The least behaved kids in town take over the Christmas pageant with hilarious and tender consequences.
Best School Year Ever, The	Robinson, Barbara	The six horrible Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, cause mayhem throughout the school year.
Beware of Storybook Wolves	Child, Lauren	When two wolves escape one night from his fairy tale book and threaten to eat him, Herb enlists the reluctant help of Cinderella's fairy godmother.

BFG	Dahl, Roald	Sophie and the BFG cook up an ingenious plan to rid the world of trogglehumping, begthumping giants.
Brave Potatoes	Speed, Toby	When prize potatoes at a country fair sneak out for some midway fun, they don't count on Chef Hackemup who is eyeing them for his kitchen in this very funny tale of some gallant spuds.
Brother Eagle, Sister Sky	Jeffers, Susan	A Suquamish Indian chief describes his people's respect and love for the earth and concern for its destruction.
Cactus Hotel	Claire E. Gallo	The life cycle of the giant saguaro cactus.
Cajun Night Before Christmas	Trosclair, Howard Jacobs	This book takes a folklore view of Santa in Louisiana.
Callie and Me	Wallace, Bill Wallace, Carol	Gray, a kitten, narrates his experiences as he discovers the world around him. A naturally good hunter, he can't quite understand why his human "Mama" doesn't appreciate the offerings he leaves on her doorstep.
Calling the Doves	Herrera, Juan Felipe	The author's story of his migrant farm worker childhood. He recreates the joy of eating breakfast under the open sky, listening to Mexican songs in the little trailer house his father built, and celebrating with other families at a fiesta in the mountains.
Captain Underpants	Pilkey, Dav	He used to be Principal Krupp, but now he's the crime fighting, Captain Underpants, the only superhero wacky enough to tackle the evil Dr. Diaper.
Castle in the Attic	Winthrop, Elizabeth	Ten-year-old William is so distraught at the idea of his beloved Nanny returning to England that, with the aid of a magic token, he shrinks her to toy size and keeps her in the model castle that had been her parting gift to him.
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Dahl, Roald	Charlie Bucket is so poor that he can only afford one candy bar a year. He wins candy for life and a tour of Willie Wonka's top-secret chocolate factory. There are four other prizewinners, each a selfish child with a nasty personality. The story is filled with excitement, fantasy, humor, and moral lessons. This selection is the first of a series about Charlie Bucket.
Chocolate Touch, The	Catling, Patrick Skene	Originally written in 1952 this is the story of how a boy's desire for chocolate becomes his fatal flaw.
Chronicles of Narnia, The	Lewis, C. S.	The Chronicles of Narnia is a series of seven fantasy novels for children. They present the adventures of children who play central roles in the unfolding history of the realm of Narnia, where some animals talk, magic is common, and good is fighting evil.
CinderHazel	Lattimore, Deborah	A comic take on the "Cinderella" theme. Hazel is a determined witch who loves dirt, although the reason for this obsession is never revealed. She is delighted when her snobby stepsisters and stepmother call her "Cinderhazel."
Coming to America: The Story of Immigration	Maestro, Betsy	This bright picture book tells of the migration of diverse immigrant and ethnic groups to North America, dating back to the travels of native peoples across the Bering Strait, and including the Atlantic slave trade and the journey of immigrants from Europe and Asia.
Cricket in Time Square, The	Selden, George	The adventures of a country cricket that unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.
Different Dragons	Little, Jean	Ben, who fears everything, especially his aunt's dog, learns that everyone sometimes has something to fear.
Doorbell Ring, The	Hutchins, Pat	Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.
Double Fudge	Blume, Judy	A continuation of the Fudge book series. In this book Fudge continues to embarrass his family, especially his older brother Peter, who is just starting 7th grade.
Dr. Dolittle	Lofting, Hugh	A doctor has a special bond with animals.
Dumb Bunnies & The Dumb Bunnies Easter, The	Denim, Sue	It's December 24th, and the Dumb Bunnies are celebrating the holidays in their own way.

Eddie Dickens Trilogy, The	Ardagh, Philip	When both of Eddie's parents catch a disease that makes them turn yellow, it's agreed he should go away and stay with relatives at their house, Awful End. Alas for Eddie, those relatives are Mad Uncle Jack and Even Madder Aunt Maud - and the journey to Awful End will take him to everywhere from St. Horrid's Home for Grateful Orphans to an audience with The Empress of All China.
Elmer	McKee, David	All the elephants of the jungle were gray except Elmer, who was a patchwork of brilliant colors until the day he got tired of being different and making the other elephants laugh.
Fables	Lobel, Arnold	Twenty original fables about an array of animal characters from crocodile to ostrich.
Falling Up	Silverstein, Shel	A collection of humorous poems and drawings.
Farmer Boy	Wilder, Laura Ingalls	From shearing sheep and milking cows to training young calves, Almanzo Wilder worked very hard on his family's farm in New York. But when his chores were all done, Almanzo could go to his favorite place in the whole world — the Horse-Barn. Almanzo dreams of one day having a horse of his own!
Feathers and Fools	Fox, Mem	Two flocks of birds began to fear each other because of their differences. The fear grew, and soon the birds became enemies, hoarding great quantities of weapons to protect themselves--until panic struck and the chance for peace seemed lost forever.
Flying Flea, The	Wallace, Carol Wallace, Bill	The house people had picked me out of my litter to be a mouser. Callie was getting too old for the job. So it was mine. But I didn't plan on getting dive-bombed by a mockingbird building her nest...or adopting the baby who fell out.
Fool of the World and the Flying Ship, The	Ransome, Arthur	When the Czar proclaims that he will marry his daughter to the man who brings him a flying ship, the Fool of the World sets out to try his luck and meets some unusual companions on the way.
Freckle Juice	Blume, Judy	Poor Andrew wishes he had freckles like his classmate, Nicky. When he decides to ask Nicky how he got his freckles, he doesn't realize that Sharon, who's always bugging him, is standing nearby. Amused that Andrew would do <i>anything</i> to get freckles; Sharon offers him her "special" recipe.
Freddy in Peril	Reiche, Dietlof	A cat, two guinea pigs, and a colony of brave sewer rats band together in order to save Freddy, a golden hamster, from an evil scientist who's discovered that Freddy can read and write, and plans to hamster-nap him in order to dissect his brain.
Frog Prince Continued, The	Scieszka, Jon	After the frog turns into a prince, he and the Princess do not live happily ever after and the Prince decides to look for a witch to help him remedy the situation.
Frog Prince, The	Porter, Jane	The story of a woman who must start a new life as an event planner in San Francisco after her fairy tale marriage falls apart
From Seed to Plant	Gibbons, Gail	This book explores the complex relationship between seeds and plants in a simple, concise format. The topics discussed include plant reproduction, pollen transference, seed dispersal and germination.
Fugitive Factor 1 & 2, The	Korman, Gordan	Aiden and Meg Falconer are out to find the evidence that will free their parents from a life sentence in prison. But in order to do that, they have to live undercover. Ever since they broke out of a juvenile detention facility, they've been chased by the FBI ... and by a strange killer they've nicknamed Hairless Joe.
Gingerbread Man, The	McCafferty, Catherine	The freshly baked Gingerbread Man escapes from the oven and outruns all those who try to catch him. But will he be able to avoid the clever fox or end up as his tasty snack?
Good Little Girl, The	David, Lawrence	Miranda, a good little girl who usually smiles cheerfully when her preoccupied parents are too busy for her, is finally pushed to the limit when her mother forgets the waffle mix for the Saturday Family Waffle Breakfast. Angry beyond words, Miranda is transformed into a green-faced, red-eyed, snarling child named Lucretia, who always gets what she wants.

Grandfather Tang's Story	Tompert, Ann	Two competitive fox fairies go through rapid physical transformations until a hunter's arrow reminds them of their true friendship. This original tangram tale is framed by the loving relationship between a grandfather and granddaughter.
Grandfathers Journey	Say, Allen	A Japanese-American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America, which he later undertakes himself, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.
Great Kapok Tree, The	Cherry, Lynne	The many different animals that live in a great kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.
Greedy Triangle, The	Burns, Marilyn	Dissatisfied with its shape, a triangle keeps asking the local shapeshifter to add more lines and angles until it doesn't know which side is up.
Grouchy Ladybug, The	Carle, Eric	A grouchy ladybug, looking for a fight, challenges everyone she meets regardless of their size or strength.
Harriet's Hare	King-Smith, Dick	Eight-year-old Harriet lives on a farm in England. Her mother is deceased her father is a loving but busy farmer, and the housekeeper is a character but not a companion. Then one summer morning, "a perfect circle of flattened wheat" changes her life.
Harry's Mad	King-Smith, Dick	Harry's parents and friends think he's mad, because he acts out the rich fantasies of his 10-year-old imagination. And when his eccentric American uncle dies and leaves Harry a parrot named Madison (Mad), they're convinced of it.
Hatching Dragon	Downer, Ann Rayyan, Omar	In this fantasy, three different seekers pursue a lost dragon. Wycca, the dragon belongs to Gideon, a busy twelfth-century wizard. When he finds that she has wandered through a bolt-hole into the future, he packs up his magic implements and steps into the mysterious opening to emerge in twenty-first century Boston.
Heroes	Cormier, Robert	Eighteen-year-old Francis Cassavant has returned from World War II an unwilling hero. Although he can still see and hear, a grenade has blown away his nose, his ears, his teeth, and his cheeks, leaving him faceless. Hiding his ghastly wounds with bandages and a white silk scarf, Francis for has returned to his hometown with a secret mission--a plot for revenge against his enemy Larry LaSalle.
Hey Little Ant	Hoose, Phillip	The boy tells the ant that someone so small couldn't possibly have any feelings, and that he's a crook for stealing food at picnics. The ant replies that he has a family and responsibilities, and that he and the boy are really not so different. How would the boy feel if the situation were reversed?
Hoot	Hiaasen, Carl	Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.
Hooway for Wodney Wat	<i>Lester, Helen</i>	All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully.
Horrible Harry Moves Up to Third Grade	Kline, Suzy	Horrible Harry and friends start off third grade with a new room and a field trip to an old copper mine to study rocks.
Hot and Cold Summer	Hurwitz, Johanna	Two inseparable ten-year-old boys discover there is room in their friendship for another person and it really doesn't matter that she is a girl.
How To Be Cool in Third Grade	Duffey, Betsy	When Robbie York is marked as a target by a bully at school, he decides that the only way to survive the third grade is by being cool.
Hundred Dresses, The	Eleanor Estes	Wanda wears the same faded blue dress to school every day -- yet she says she has one hundred beautiful dresses at home. The other girls don't believe it, and when Peggy starts a daily game of teasing Wanda about the hundred dresses, everyone joins in. Maddie, Peggy's best friend, goes along with the game, but she secretly wonders whether she can find the courage to speak up in Wanda's defense.

I, Freddy	Reiche, Dietlof	Freddy, a remarkably intelligent golden hamster learns how to read and how to write on a computer and escapes captivity to become an independent and civilized creature.
Ida B.	Hannigan, Katherine	In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B. spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.
Important Book, The	Brown, Margaret Wise	From the author of Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny comes a book that points out the important things about everyday objects and what makes them special.
In My Family	Garza, Carmen Lomas	The author describes, in bilingual text and illustrations, her experiences growing up in a Hispanic community in Texas.
Indian in the Cupboard	Banks, Lynne Reid	The toy Indian Omri received for his birthday comes to life.
Jalapeno Bagels	Wing, Natasha	Pablo, a Jewish Mexican boy, can't decide what to bring into school for International Day. He would like something that represents both his Jewish and Mexican heritages together.
Jim Ugly	Fleischman, Sid	Certain that his actor father is not dead, despite rumors to the contrary, twelve-year-old Jake Bannock sets out with his part-wolf dog, Jim Ugly, to find his father.
Jip: His Story	Paterson, Katherine	While living on a Vermont poor farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother and comes to understand how he arrived at this place.
John Henry	Lester, Julius	Retells the life of the legendary African American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.
Johnny Appleseed	Demuth, Patricia Brennan	Recounts the story of the man who traveled west planting apple seeds to make the country a better place to live.
Joyful Noise	Horn, Jeff	One man, through an accidental communication with the dead, finds proof of such an afterlife.
Judy Moody Series	McDonald, Megan	(Save the World) When Judy Moody gets serious about protecting the environment, her little brother Stink thinks she is overdoing it, but she manages to inspire her third grade class to undertake an award-winning, environment-saving project.
Jumanji	Allsburg, Chris Van	Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.
Kat Kong	Pilkey, Dave	These two funny picture books spoof Godzilla and King Kong as they launch the mice inhabitants of Mousopolis against, respectively, a killer cat and dog.
Kid in the Red Jacket, The	Park, Barbara	When ten-year-old Howard has to move with his family to a distant state, he is forced to live on a street named Chester Pewe, adjust to a new school, and get used to being shadowed by the little girl in a nearby house.
King Who Rained, The	Gwynne, Fred	A little girl pictures the things her parents talk about, such as a king who rained, bear feet, and the foot prince in the snow.
Knots on a Counting Rope	Martin, Bill Archambault, John Clarke, J.	A grandfather and his blind grandson, Boy-Strength-of-Blue-Horses, reminisce about the young boy's birth, his first horse, and an exciting horse race.
Last of the Really Great Wangdoodles, The	Edwards, Julie	With help from an eccentric professor who gives their imaginations special intensive training, three children succeed in locating the last of the great Whangdoodles and granting his heart's desire.
Little House Series	Wilder, Laura Ingalls	The nine classic Little House books portray the life of Laura Ingalls and her remarkable pioneer childhood. Although her books are historical fiction, Wilder brought to life her family's real-life adventures, challenges and triumphs on the American frontier. Originally published in 1932, Little House in the Big Woods is the first book in the Little House Series.

Loser	Spinelli, Jerry	Zinkoff is unlike other kids in school and so doesn't worry about coming in last place or always having the wrong answers, despite the teasing and comments he gets from those around him, in a tale about maintaining individuality amidst pressures of fitting in with the crowd.
Math Curse	Scieszka, Jon	When the teacher tells her class that they can think of almost everything as a math problem, one student acquires a math anxiety which becomes a real curse.
Miss Daisy is Crazy	Gutman, Dan	Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.
Misty Chincoteague	Henry, Marguerite	Paul and his sister Maureen's determination to own a pony from the herd on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, are greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among the ponies rounded up for the yearly auction.
Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil, Trandwiller, The		A tale of two kids who run away from home and discover adventure in the Metropolitan Museum. There, after the galleries close, they have adventures among the medieval armor and precious statues.
Molly's Pilgrim	Cohen, Barbara	Told to make a Pilgrim doll for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly is embarrassed when her mother tries to help her out by creating a doll dressed as she herself was dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom.
Mouse and the Motorcycle	Cleary, Beverly	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.
Mr. Peabody's Apples	Madonna	<i>Mr. Peabody's Apples</i> takes place in 1949 in Happville, USA. One Saturday, Mr. Peabody, the beloved elementary school teacher and baseball coach, finds himself all alone on the baseball field. He wonders where everybody is until he sees the bat boy, Billy Little, walking toward him with a sad look on his face. Billy tells him that another student, Tommy Tittlebottom, spread a rumor that Mr. Peabody was a thief after Tommy saw Mr. Peabody taking apples twice from the local market.
Mrs. Roopy is Loopy	Gutman, Dan	A.J. and his classmates are convinced that new school librarian, Mrs. Roopy, has multiple personality disorder because she keeps pretending to be famous people.
Mushy Gushy Valentine	Park, Barbara	When Junie B. Jones receives a mushy gushy "valentine" on Valentine's Day, she tries to find out who in her kindergarten class is her secret admirer.
Mysteries of Harris Burdick, The	Chris Van Allsburg	Presents a series of loosely related drawings each accompanied by a title and a caption which the reader may use to make up his or her own story.
Mystery of the Dollhouse, The Murders	Wright, Betty Ren	A dollhouse filled with a ghostly light in the middle of the night and dolls that have moved from where she last left them lead Amy and her retarded sister to unravel the mystery surrounding grisly murders that took place years ago.
Native Americans	Pendleton, Lorann	The story of <i>Native Americans</i> is part of <i>Discoveries</i> , a dynamic new reference series for children. Atmospheric illustrations, strong photographs and lively text engage and encourage readers to discover for themselves the world around them.
Nature's Green Umbrella	Gibbons, Gail	A colorful, informative look at tropical rain forests. Gibbons has drawn and labeled about 50 animals and numerous plants and trees.
Never Take a Pig to Lunch	Calmenson, Stephanie	A collection of humorous poetry about animals by well-known poets.
Oh, The Places You Will Go	Suess, Dr.	All journeys face perils, whether from indecision, from loneliness, or worst of all, from too much waiting. Seuss' hero is up to the challenge, and his odyssey is captured in this story.
Oh, The Thinks You Can Think	Suess, Dr.	Relates in verse some of the unusual thinks you can think if only you try.
One Grain of Rice	Demi, Hitz	A reward of one grain of rice doubles day by day into millions of grains of rice when a selfish raja is outwitted by a clever village girl.

Pasquala	Faber, Gail	A young Yokuts Indian girl describes her life on the shores of Old Buena Vista Lake in central California and the events that led her to a Spanish mission outside the world of her people.
Paul Bunyan	Kellogg, Steven	Recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many fantastic adventures.
Pecos Bill	Kellogg, Steven	Incidents from the life of Pecos Bill, from his childhood among the coyotes to his unusual wedding day.
Perfect Pancakes if You Please	Wise, William	King Felix loves pancakes so much that he offers his daughter's hand in marriage to the man who can make the perfect pancake.
Perloo The Bold	Avi	Perloo, a peaceful scholar who has been chosen to succeed Jolaine as leader of the furry underground people called the Montmers, finds himself in danger when Jolaine dies and her evil son seizes control of the burrow.
Piggie Pie	Palatini, Margie	Gritch the witch flies to Old MacDonald's farm for some pigs to make a piggie pie, but when she arrives she can't find a single porker.
Pinduli	Cannon, Janell	Pinduli, a young striped hyena, is hurt by the unkind words of Dog, Lion, and Zebra, but her clever trick in return promotes her clan's survival and spreads harmony throughout the savannah. Includes notes about hyenas and other animals of the African savannah.
Poppy	Avi	Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Oeax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.
Project 00	Kump, Don	Project-00 is an adventurous tale of building character and adapting to unusual situations
Punctuation Takes a Vacation	Pulver, Robin	When all the punctuation marks in Mr. Wright's class decide to take a vacation, the students discover just how difficult life can be without them.
Racing the Sun	Pitts, Paul	Brandon Rogers is like any 12-year-old growing up in suburbia until his elderly and ill grandfather comes to live with his family. Then he learns about his history and heritage and comes to accept that he is Brandon Redhouse . . . and a full-blooded Navajo.
Ralph S. Mouse	Cleary, Beverly	Presents the further adventures of a motorcycle-riding mouse who goes to school and becomes the instigator of an investigation of rodents and the peacemaker for two lonely boys.
Rats on the Roof and Other Stories	Marshall, James	Seven stories deal with various animals, including a frog with magnificent legs, a hungry brontosaurus, a mouse who gets married, and two dogs who send for a cat to get the rats off their roof.
Reason for a Flower, The	Heller, Ruth	Brief text and lavish illustrations explain plant reproduction and the purpose of a flower and present some plants which don't seem to be flowers but are.
Rough Face Girl, The	Martin, Rafe	In this Algonquin Indian version of the Cinderella story, the Rough-Face Girl and her two beautiful but heartless sisters compete for the affections of the Invisible Being.
Runaway Ralph	Cleary, Beverly	Ralph runs away looking for freedom but winds up a prisoner at a summer camp.
Saving Shiloh	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Sixth-grader Marty and his family try to help their rough neighbor, Judd Travers, change his mean ways, even though their West Virginia community continues to expect the worst of him.
See You Around, Sam	Lowry, Lois	Sam (Anastasia's little brother) is forbidden to wear his plastic fangs in the house and attempts to run away to Alaska, where the walruses will surely accept his oral protrusions.
Skylark	MacLachlan, Patricia	When a drought tests the commitment of a mail-order bride from Maine to her new home on the prairie, her stepchildren hope they will be able to remain a family.
Smelly, Stinky Sneaker Contest	Bunting, Eve	The Slam Dunker company is sponsoring a contest-the kid who produces the stinkiest sneakers will win three pairs of prized Slam Dunkers. The footwear must be made smelly by natural means, and Colin, coached by his friend Webster, tries everything to win the prize; no socks, jogging, sleeping with the sneakers on, no washing of feet, etc.

Some Things Are Scary	Heide, Florence Parry	More a list than a story, this story acknowledges the fears that reside in all of us, no matter our age. The majority deal with children's very real concerns (not being chosen for a team, being hugged by someone you don't like, watching too much hair being cut off, discovering your best friend has a different best friend or is moving away, growing up).
Something From Nothing	Gilman, Phoebe	In this retelling of a traditional Jewish folktale, Joseph's baby blanket is transformed into ever smaller items as he grows until there is nothing left--but then Joseph has an idea.
Squanto: Friend of the Pilgrims	Bulla, Clyde Robert	An Indian helps the Pilgrims make peace with Chief Massosoit's tribe.
Stinky Cheese Man, The	Scieszka, Jon	Humorous revisions of familiar fairy tales.
Swamp Angel	Isaacs, Anne	Along with other amazing feats, Angelica Longrider, also known as Swamp Angel, wrestles a huge bear, known as Thundering Tarnation, to save the winter supplies of the settlers in Tennessee.
Testing Miss Malarkey	Finchler, Judy	The new school year brings standardized testing to every school and Miss Malarkey's is no exception. Teachers, students, and even parents are preparing for THE TEST. Even though the grown-ups tell the children not to worry, they're acting kind of strange. The kids are beginning to think that maybe the test is more important than they're being led to believe.
Time for Andrew, A	Hahn, Mary Downing.	When he goes to spend the summer with his great-aunt in the family's old house, eleven-year-old Drew is drawn eighty years into the past to trade places with his great-great-uncle who is dying of diphtheria.
Toad Rage	Gleitman, Morris	Determined to understand why humans hate cane toads and to improve relations between the species, Limpy embarks on a dangerous trek from his swamp to the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.
Today I Feel Silly and Other Moods That Make My Day	Curtis, Jamie Lee	The many moods of a little girl with red curly hair are described.
Too Many Tamales	Soto, Gary	Maria tries on her mother's wedding ring while helping make tamales for a Christmas family get-together. Panic ensues when hours later, she realizes the ring is missing.
Top Secret	Gardiner, John Reynolds	Despite the disapproval of his parents and his formidable science teacher, nine-year-old Allen determines to do his science project on human photosynthesis.
Trouble With Tuck, The	Taylor, Theodore	A young girl trains her blind dog to follow and trust a seeing-eye companion dog.
True Story of the Three Little Pigs, The	Scieszka, Jon	The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.
Twits, The	Dahl, Roald	The misadventures of two terrible old people who enjoy playing nasty tricks and are finally outwitted by a family of monkeys.
Two Bad Ants	Allsburg, Chris Van	When two bad ants desert from their colony, they experience a dangerous adventure that convinces them to return to their former safety.
Up and Down Spring	Hurwitz, Johana	This is the third offering about Rory, Derek, and Bolivia. The boys are at Bolivia's house in Ithaca for spring break. Rory tries to hide his fear of flying from the other two, pretending to be sick when Uncle Harold invites them for a spin in his small plane.
Velveteen Rabbit, The	Williams, Marjorie	Thrown out when his owner becomes ill, a toy rabbit who has longed to be real receives his dearest wish.
Very First Americans, The	Ashrose, Cara	Briefly describes some of the hundreds of Indian tribes that lived across America before the arrival of Europeans.
War With Grandpa, The	Smith, Robert Kimmel	Upset that he has to give up the room he loves to his grandfather, Pete decides to declare war in an attempt to get it back.
Watchdog and the Coyotes	Wallace, Bill	Some dogs have a bark bigger than their bite. But Sweetie, the Great Dane, can't afford to bark or bite. After three nips and three masters, the next stop is the pound. So when the burglar comes calling, he

		wags his tail. When the coyotes come prowling, he tries to make peace. How can Sweetie outfox 12 coyotes without sinking his teeth into trouble?
Wayside School Gets A Little Stranger	Sachar, Louis	More humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, where students learn to tango, face the cafeteria's dreaded Mushroom Surprise, and study a hobo during show and tell. One in a series.
Weather Words and What They Mean	Gibbons, Gail	Introduces basic weather terms and concepts.
Week in the Woods, A	Clements, Andrew	The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.
Weslandia	Fleischman, Paul	Wesley's garden produces a crop of huge, strange plants which provide him with clothing, shelter, food, and drinks, thus helping him create his own civilization and changing his life.
When Jessie Came Across the Sea	Hest, Amy	A thirteen-year-old Jewish orphan reluctantly leaves her grandmother and immigrates to New York City, where she works for three years sewing lace and earning money to bring Grandmother to the United States, too.
Where do Angels Buy Their Clothes?	Hall, Starr	Starr uses a fun, rhyming cadence to whisk you away to the clouds where Angels ride the Express to their stores in the sky.
Where the Sidewalk Ends	Silverstein, Shel	A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.
Whispering Cloth, The	Shea, Pegi Deitz	A young girl in a Thai refugee camp in the mid 1970's finds the story within herself to create her own pa'ndau.
Why Banana Split	Walton, Rick	An erratic pun sampler from a veteran riddler. When dinosaur Rex visits (suitcase with travel stickers daintily in claw), everyone and every thing clears out of town: people, cattle, trains, lettuce, and jackhammers.
Wonderful Wizard of Oz, The	Baum, L. Frank	This edition is told in a shorter version of L. Frank Baum's original text
Woodland Mysteries	Schultz, Irene	What family solves mysteries... has adventures all over the world... and loves oatmeal cookies? It's the Woodlanders! The children (Sammy, 10, sister Kathy, 13, brother Bill, 14, best friend Dave, 16) all lost their parents, but with their dog Mop have made their OWN family with Mrs. Tandy. Why are they called the Woodlanders? Because they live in a big house in the Bluff Lake woods --- on Woodland Street! Together they find fun, mystery, and adventure.
Word Eater	Amato, Mary	Lerner Chasse, a new student at Cleveland Park Middle School, finds a worm that magically makes things disappear, and she hopes it will help her fit in, or get revenge, at her hated school.
Word Jar, The	DeGross, Monalisa	A gentle, thoughtful story of a young African-American boy's discovery of the power of words. Each time a word strikes Donovan as special (e.g., extraterrestrial, orchestral, perseverance, boisterous); he writes it down on a slip of paper and puts it in a jar.
Wretched Stone, The	Allsburg, Chris Van	A strange glowing stone picked up on a sea voyage captivates a ship's crew and has a terrible transforming effect on them.
Yen-Shen		A Chinese Cinderella story.
You Are Special	Lucado, Max	Punchinello's opinion of himself changes after talking to his creator.