

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING 2023
First Grade Entering Second Grade**

REQUIRED READING – *Mr. Putter and Tabby Ring the Bell* by Cynthia Rylant

Upon return to school, students should be prepared to complete a classroom activity that correlates with the required summer reading.

***All the World* by Liz Garton Scanlon** Illustrator Marla Frazee's small vignettes and sweeping double-page spreads invite readers to share a joyful day with a diverse, multigenerational community. **Caldecott Honor Book ©2009 Grade Level 2-3**

***Ben and the Emancipation Proclamation* by Pat Sherman** A self-taught enslaved youth astonishes his fellow prisoners by reading aloud the newspaper account of Lincoln's new emancipation proclamation. Based on actual events. **©2020 Grade Level 2-3**

***Billy Miller Makes a Wish* by Kevin Henkes** As Billy blows out the candles on his birthday cake, an ambulance rushes down the street. Could his wish for some excitement have caused a dear neighbor friend to become ill? **©2021 Grade Level 2-3**

***A Bike Like Sergio's* by Maribeth Boelts** Ruben feels like he is the only kid without a bike. His friend Sergio reminds him that his birthday is coming, but Ruben knows that the kinds of birthday gifts he and Sergio receive are not the same. After all, when Ruben's mom sends him to Sonny's corner store for groceries, sometimes she doesn't have enough money for everything on the list. **©2016 Grade Level 2-3**

***The Clown of God* by Tomie de Paolo** Little Giovanni is poor and homeless, but he can do something wonderful: he can juggle. The people of Sorrento marvel at his talents, and before long, he becomes famous throughout Italy for his rainbow of colored balls that delight the nobility and townspeople alike. But as the years pass, Giovanni grows old, and his talents begin to fail him. **©1978 Grade Level 2-3**

***A Different Pond* by Bao Phi** As a young boy, Bao Phi awoke early, hours before his father's long workday began, to fish on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis. Unlike many other anglers, Bao and his father fished for food, not recreation. A successful catch meant a fed family. Between hope-filled casts, Bao's father told him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam. **©2017 Caldecott Honor Book 2018, Charlotte Zolotow Award Winner 2018, Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Winner 2018, Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Honor 2018, Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Honor ©2017 Grade Level 2-3**

***The Girl With a Mind for Math* by Julia Finley Mosca** Meet Raye Montague—the hidden mastermind who made waves in the U.S. Navy! After touring a German submarine in the early 1940s, young Raye set her sights on becoming an engineer. Little did she know sexism and racial inequality would challenge that dream every step of the way, even keeping her greatest career accomplishment a secret for decades. **NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book 2019, NSTA Best STEM Trade Books for Students K-12 2019, 2019 Amelia Bloomer List, and 2019 Mathical Honor Book ©2018 Grade Level 2-4**

***The Gravity Tree: The True Story of a Tree That Inspired the World* by Anna Crowley Redding** “A tree may seem like an *ordinary* thing. But hundreds of years ago, a tree was about to embark on an *extraordinary* journey.” Sir Isaac Newton sat under that tree and came up with the theory of gravity, a tree and an idea that has continued to inspire other scientists and people all over the world. **©2021 Grade Level 2-3**

***Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena** Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? **2016 Newbery Medal, 2016 Caldecott Honor Book and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book ©2015 Grade Level K-2**

***Mars Is: Stark Slopes, Silvery Snow, and Startling Surprises* by Suzanne Slade** Information and a lyrical text combined with astonishing, textured photographs for a look at the mysterious red planet for a book that can be read, viewed, and enjoyed in several ways. ©2021 Grade Level 2-3

***Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo** Mercy Watson is a pig, but to his owners, he's not just any pig. He's AMAZING! Everything is great until Mercy decides to get some snuggles by hopping into bed with them. When the bed breaks, his owners find themselves in trouble. ©2009 Grade Level 2-4

***Nate the Great* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat** **Shortly** after a breakfast generously supplied with pancakes, Nate the Great got an urgent call from Annie. "I lost a picture," said Annie. "Can you help me find it?" "Of course," said Nate. "I have found lost balloons, books, slippers, and chickens. Even a lost goldfish. Now I, Nate the Great, will find a lost picture." ©1977 Grade Level 2-3

***Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen** Late one winter night a little girl and her father go owling. The trees stand still as statues and the world is silent as a dream. Whoo-who-who, the father calls to the mysterious nighttime bird. **2019 Caldecott Honor Book** ©2018 Grade Level 2-3

***Play It Again, Grandpa* by Jennifer Hunsicker** A young boy and his grandfather spend front-porch time playing music and learning from each other. Their music draws in family, friends, and neighbors for enjoyment, dancing, singing, and playing a variety of bluegrass instruments. A picture glossary of the instruments is included in the back as well as a brief history and explanation of bluegrass music. ©2021 Grade Level 1-3

***The Rough Patch* by Brian Lies** **Evan**, a fox, and his dog are best friends and in a series of acrylic, oil, and colored pencil vignettes, they are shown attending a fair, playing games, and, most important, working in Evan's meticulously groomed garden. These loving scenes are abruptly cut short by a large spread of white space with spare text stating: "But one day, the unthinkable happened." On the opposing page, white space surrounds a grieving Evan as he mourns the loss of his dog. **2019 Caldecott Honor Book** ©2018 Grade Level 1-3

***She Persisted: Maria Tallchief* by Christine Day and Chelsea Clinton** Maria Tallchief loved to dance, but was told that she might need to change her Osage name to one that sounded more Russian to make it as a professional ballerina. She refused, and worked hard at dancing her best, becoming America's first prima ballerina. ©2021 Grade Level 2-3

***Spoon* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal** He's always been a happy little utensil. But lately, he feels like life as a spoon just isn't cutting it. He thinks Fork, Knife, and The Chopsticks all have it so much better than him. But do they? ©2009 Grade Level 1-2

***Spring According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney** Spring has sprung and everyone at Longfellow School, including Ms. Brisbane's class, are HAPPY-HAPPY-HAPPY! It also means Family Fun Night is coming up and all the students' families are involved in making amazing circus activities. ©2017 Grade Level 2-4

***What's Your Favorite Color?* by Eric Carle** Fifteen beloved children's book artists draw their favorite colors and explain why they love them. This personal collection will undoubtedly inspire readers to create favorite color drawings and stories of their own! ©2017 Grade Level 2-3

***The Whisper in the Ruins (Chime Travelers)* by Lisa Hendey** Somebody is angry, and they're taking it out on St. Anne's. Patrick and his twin sister Katie are shocked when they learn that someone threw a brick through the St. Francis of Assisi stained glass window at St. Anne's. What would make someone angry enough to damage the beautiful old window? ©2016 Grade Level 2-5