

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING 2023
THIRD GRADE ENTERING FOURTH GRADE**

REQUIRED READING – Jake Drake, Bully Buster by Andrew Clements

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

***Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo** Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. **Newbery Honor Book ©2021 Grade Level 4-5**

***Casey at the Bat: A Ballad of the Republic Sung in the Year 1888* by Ernest Lawrence Thayer** "And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout; But there is no joy in Mudville- mighty Casey has struck out." **Caldecott Honor Book ©2000 Grade Level 4-5**

***Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* by Laban Carrick Hill** Collier's arrestingly beautiful artistic interpretation of Hill's poetic text reveals Dave the potter's artistic process while also conveying the dignified triumph of his humanity in the face of oppression. **Caldecott Honor Book ©2010 Grade Level 4-5**

***A Dog Called Homeless* by Sarah Lean** Cally Fisher knows she can see her dead mother, but the only other living soul who does is a mysterious wolfhound who always seems to be there when her mom appears. How can Cally convince anyone that her mom is still with the family, or persuade her dad that the huge silver-gray dog belongs with them? **©2014 Grade Level 4-7**

***Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies** When money disappears from fourth-grader Evan's pocket and everyone thinks that his annoying classmate Scott stole it, Evan's younger sister stages a trial involving the entire class, trying to prove what happened. **©2009 Grade Level 4-5**

***Princess Academy* by Shannon Hale** While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland. **Newbery Honor Book ©2015 Grade Level 4-5**

***Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater** The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortune of Mr. Popper. **Newbery Honor Book ©1995 First published 1938 Grade Level 4-5**

***Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America* by Sharon Robinson** A biography of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in the major leagues, as told by his daughter. **©2004 Grade Level 4-6**

***The Remarkable Journey of Charlie Price* by Jennifer Maschari** Ever since twelve-year-old Charlie Price's mom died, he feels like his world has been split into two parts. Before included stargazing and Mathletes and Saturday scavenger hunts with his family. After means a dad who's completely checked out, comically bad dinners, and grief group that's anything but helpful. It seems like losing Mom meant losing everything else he loved, too. **©2016 Grade Level 4-6**

***Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette* by Selene Castrovilla** The Marquis de Lafayette has just ventured to America from France to join the Patriotic Cause and meet General George Washington. **©2013 Grade Level 4-5**

***A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams* by Jen Bryant** Sweet's mixed-media collage and primitive watercolors flow seamlessly with Bryant's prose to reveal the important bits and pieces of Williams' ordinary, yet extraordinary, life as a doctor and poet. **Caldecott Honor Book ©2008 Grade Level 4-5**

***Rump: The (Fairly) True Tale of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff** In a magic kingdom where your name is your destiny, 12-year-old Rump is the butt of everyone's joke. But when he finds an old spinning wheel, his luck seems to change. Rump discovers he has a gift for spinning straw into gold. His best friend, Red Riding Hood, warns him that magic is dangerous, and she's right. ©2011 **Grade Level 3–5**

***Summer According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney** When Humphrey hears that school is ending, he can't believe his ears. What's a classroom hamster to do if there's no more school? It turns out that Mrs. Brisbane has planned something thrilling for Humphrey and Og the frog. ©2014 **Grade Level 3–5**

***Who Was Ben Franklin?* by Dennis Brindell Fradin** Ben Franklin was the scientist who, with the help of a kite, discovered that lightning is electricity. He was also a statesman, an inventor, a printer, and an author—a man of such amazingly varied talents that some people claimed he had magical powers! ©2002 **Grade Level 3–5**

***A Whole New Ballgame* by Phil Bildner** "From the first morning with their odd new teacher, fifth grade is full of shocking surprises for best friends Rip and Red." ©2015 **Grade Level 4–6**