

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING 2023
Fourth Grade Entering Fifth Grade**

REQUIRED READING – *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo

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

Read at least one of the books from the list below. Choose according to the first letter of your **LAST** name. Each student is required to complete a **Summer Reading Book Report** about this book. Open the link on the Summer Reading page, *Summer Reading Book Report Grade 5-8*, and print it out. Complete and bring the report to school with you on the first day.

Last Name: A - L

***All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor 2016** Eleven-year-old Perry was born and raised by his mom at the Blue River Co-ed Correctional Facility in tiny Surprise, Nebraska. His mom is a resident on Cell Block C, and so far, Warden Daugherty has made it possible for them to be together.

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***Back in Time with Benjamin Franklin* by Dan Gutman** One minute Qwerty Stevens is researching a last-minute report on the Internet, and the next minute Benjamin Franklin is sitting on his bed! **©2005 Grade Level 4-6**

***Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis** It's 1936, in Flint, Michigan. Times may be hard, and ten-year-old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but Bud's got a few things going for him. **Newbery Medal Book ©1999 Grade Level 5-6**

***Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate** "A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary" **©2012 Grade Level 5-8**

***The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan** A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world. Includes author's notes about the poet.

Pura Belpré Award Winner ©2012 Grade Level 5-9

***The Mighty Miss Mallone* by Christopher Paul Curtis** "We are a family on a journey to a place called wonderful" is the motto of Deza Malone's family. Deza is the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, singled out by teachers for a special path in life. **©2012 Grade Level 5-7**

***Moon over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool** Abilene Tucker feels abandoned. Her father has put her on a train, sending her off to live with an old friend for the summer while he works a railroad job. Armed only with a few possessions and her list of universals, Abilene jumps off the train in Manifest, Kansas, aiming to learn about the boy her father once was.

Newbery Medal Book ©2011 Grade Level 5-8

***Never Blame the Umpire* by Gene Fehler** Eleven-year-old Kate is having a wonderful summer, playing baseball and taking a poetry class, until her mother is diagnosed with terminal cancer, causing Kate to struggle to keep her faith and trust in God. **©2012 Grade Level: 4-7**

Last Name: M - Z

***The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger** In this funny, uncannily wise portrait of the dynamics of a sixth-grade class and of the greatness that sometimes comes in unlikely packages, Dwight, a loser, talks to his classmates via an origami finger puppet of Yoda. **©2015 Grade Level 5-7**

***Surviving Jamestown* by Gail Karwoski** Sam Collier, a twelve-year-old, serves as page to John Smith during the

relentless hardship experienced by the founders at the first permanent English settlement in the New World. ©2001
Grade Level 5-6

***The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo** He has big dreams and gets out of the world of mice and into the world of people and rats. **Newbery Medal Book ©2003 Grade Level 5-7**

***Two Minute Drill* by Mike Lupica** Chris Conlan is the coolest kid in sixth grade?the golden-armed quarterback of the football team and the boy all the others look up to. Scott Parry is the new kid, the boy with the huge brain, but with feet that trip over themselves. ©2009 **Grade Level 5-7**

***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin** Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. **Newbery Honor Book ©2009 Grade Level 5-7**

***Young Fredle* by Cynthia Voight** A young mouse cast out of his home, faces dangers and predators outside, makes some important discoveries and allies, and learns the meaning of freedom as he struggles to return home. ©2011 **Grade Level 5-7**

***When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller** When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. **Newbery Medal and Asian/Pacific American Award ©2020 Grade Level 4-5**