

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

REQUIRED READING – *The One and Only Ivan* by Katharine Applegate

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 (Reading Olympic Elementary List 2023) 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

***Abby Carnelia's One and Only Magical Power* by David Pogue** One day, Abby Carnelia, ordinary sixth grader, realizes she has a magical power. Okay, it's not a fancy one: she can make a hard-boiled egg spin by tugging on her ears. But it's the only one she has, and it's enough to launch her into an adventure where she meets a host of kids with similarly silly powers. ©2014 **Grade Level: 5-7**

***Al Capone Does My Homework* by Gennifer Choldenko** Alcatraz Island in the 1930s isn't the most normal place to grow up, but it is home for Moose Flanagan, his autistic sister, Natalie, and all the families of the guards. When Moose's dad gets promoted to Associate Warden, despite being an unlikely candidate, it's a big deal. ©2013 **Grade Level 5-8**

***Anything But Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin** Jason can be himself when he writes and he thinks that Phoenix Bird—her name is Rebecca—could be his first real friend. But as desperate as Jason is to meet her, he's terrified that if they do meet, Rebecca will only see his autism and not who Jason really is. ©2012 **Grade Level 5-7**

***The Boy at the End of the World* by Greg Van Eekhout** In a future world, Fisher is the last boy on earth. But evidence suggests there may be a far-away survival bunk with other humans. In order to get there, he'll need to rely on a ragtag team he assembles, including a robot, a mammoth, and a prairie dog with basic English skills. Readers will be riveted as this unlikely team races toward survival. ©2011 **Grade Level 5-8**

***The Boy Who Saved Baseball* by John H. Ritter** The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato. ©2003 **Grade Level: 4 – 7**

***Dorko the Magnificent* by Andrea Beaty** Robbie Darko is a magician. An old-school, pull-a-rabbit-out-of-your-hat-style magician. Robbie loves magic and he's good at it—sort of. Despite his best efforts, passion, and practice, something always goes wrong with his tricks, landing Robbie in trouble. ©2013 **Grade Level 5-7**

Last Name: M – Z

***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**

***Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos** In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. **Newbery Medal Book** ©2011 **Grade Level 5–8**

Eggs by Jerry Spinelli David has recently lost his mother to a freak accident, his salesman father is constantly on the road, and he is letting his anger out on his grandmother. Primrose lives with her unstable, childlike, fortune teller mother, and the only evidence of the father she never knew is a framed picture. ©2008 **Grade Level 5-7**

The Rat Prince by Bridget Hodder A new twist to an old fairy tale. When Cinderella's frightful stepmother Wilhelmina has control of the manor, nobody is safe, including the rats that she wants poisoned. Cinderella and Prince Char devise a plan to end Wilhelmina's tyranny. ©2017 **Grade Level 6-7**

Savvy by Ingrid Law Thirteen is when a Beaumont's savvy hits—and with one brother who causes hurricanes and another who creates electricity, Mibs Beaumont is eager to see what she gets. But just before the big day, Poppa is in a terrible accident. And now all Mibs wants is a savvy that will save him. **Newbery Honor Book ©2012 Grade Level 5-7**

The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts by Avi Oliver is left on his own after a terrible storm hits his English community in 1724. High adventure and near disasters meet Oliver as he tries to make his way to London to find his sister, Charity. Once in London and reunited with Charity, life does not calm down. Avi leaves readers hanging—will they survive? ©2012 **Grade Level 6-8**