

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

READING – Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

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

Assassin by Anna Myers In alternating passages, a young White House seamstress named Bella and the actor John Wilkes Booth describe the events that lead to the latter's assassination of Abraham Lincoln. ©2005 **Grade Level 5–8**

Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth by James Giblin Most people know the name John Wilkes Booth, but few likely have heard of his elder brother Edwin. Find out about the brothers through first-hand accounts. Learn how alike and how different they were, and how each made a lasting impression on American history. ©2017 **Grade Level 5–8**

The Great Fire by Jim Murphy Vivid firsthand descriptions by persons who lived through the 1871 Chicago fire are woven into a gripping account that is absorbing and riveting reading. **Newbery Honor Book ©2006 Grade Level 5–7**

Heartbeat by Sharon Creech RUN, RUN, RUN that's what twelve-year-old Annie loves to do. When she's barefoot and running she can hear her heart beating. ©2004 **Grade Level 5–7**

Jesse Bowman: A Union Boy's War Story by Tom McGowen In this action-packed historical fiction novel, Jesse Bowman joins the Union Army in hopes of finding adventure. However, this teenage soldier learns that victory comes at a great cost. He discovers the hardships of war, the horror of battle, and the loss of friendship on his journey through the Civil War. ©2008 **Grade Level 5–6**

Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead Seventh-grader Georges moves into a Brooklyn apartment building and meets Safer, a twelve-year-old self-appointed spy. Georges becomes Safer's first spy recruit. His assignment? Tracking the mysterious Mr. X, who lives in the apartment upstairs. ©2013 **Grade Level 6-7**

Ranger's Apprentice Book One: The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan He had always wanted to be a warrior. The Rangers, with their dark cloaks and shadowy ways, made him nervous. The villagers believe the Rangers practice magic that makes them invisible to ordinary people. And now fifteen year- old Will, always small for his age, has been chosen as a Ranger's apprentice. ©2006 **Grade Level 5–7**

Last Name: M - Z

Sand Dollar Summer by Kimberly K. Jones Twelve-year-old Lise watches her safe world fall apart when her strong, self-reliant mom is injured in a car accident. To recuperate, Mom takes Lise and her bright little brother to live in a rattletrap house on the beach in Maine for the summer. Although her mother grew up there, this is Lise's first experience with the ocean. She's terrified by what may be lurking in the cold depths and confused by the ways that Maine is changing her mother. ©2008 **Grade Level: 6-8**

Saving Lucas Biggs by Marisa de los Santos Thirteen-year-old Margaret knows her father is innocent, but that doesn't stop the cruel Judge Biggs from sentencing him to death. Margaret is determined to save her dad, even if it means using her family's secret—and forbidden—ability to time travel. ©2015 **Grade Level 6–8**

Secret Within by Theresa Martin Golding Carly Chambers spends her summer days delivering mysterious packages for her harsh father but when she sneaks out at night to find some freedom, she faces danger from all sides. ©2014 Grade Level 6–8

Soldier's Heart: Being the Story of the Enlistment and Due Service of the Boy Charley Goddard in the First Minnesota Volunteers by Gary Paulsen In June 1861, when the Civil War began, Charley Goddard enlisted in the First Minnesota Volunteers. He was 15. He didn't know what a "shooting war" meant or what he was fighting for. But he didn't want to miss out on a great adventure. ©2000 Grade Level 5–7

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt Seventh-grader, Holling Hoodhood, is convinced his teacher hates him. Through their Wednesday afternoon Shakespeare sessions she helps him cope with events both wildly funny and deadly serious. **Newbery Honor Book** ©2007 Grade Level 5–7

What Elephants Know by Eric Dinerstein Abandoned in the jungle of the Nepalese Borderlands, two-year-old Nandu is found living under the protective watch of a pack of wild dogs. ©2016 Grade Level 5-9

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle It was a dark and stormy night; Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger. **Newbery Medal** @2012 Grade Level 6-8