

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST 2023
PreK Entering Kindergarten**

No Required Reading

***Big Shark, Little Shark* by Anna Membrino** Big Shark has big teeth; Little Shark has little teeth. Big Shark swims fast; Little Shark swims slow. But they are both hungry! ©2017 **Grade Level K-1**

***Feathers and Hair* by Jennifer Ward** At first glance, a wild animal's appearance may seem simple. But there is fascinating science behind every part of an animal's physique—from its nose to its toes! ©2017 **Grade Level K-1**

***Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall** Tells the story of life in a lighthouse. Told through full page illustrations, this fascinating picture book tells the story of a dedicated lighthouse keeper and his growing family. **2019 Caldecott Medal**
©2018 **Grade Level Preschool-3**

***Hot Dog* by Doug Salati** This hot dog has had enough of summer in the city! Enough of sizzling sidewalks, enough of wailing sirens, enough of people's feet right in his face. **2023 Caldecott Medal** ©2023 **Grade Level K-1**

***If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, Don't* by Elise Parsley** If you see a poster that says "You Can Do Anything at the Library!", it is NOT giving you permission to put on a circus! But Magnolia doesn't see any problem with setting up her own big top. She's got a lot of gusto and one mean human cannonball routine. **Caldecott Honor Book**
©2017 **Grade Level K-1**

***Jesus A to Z* by Michael O'Neill McGrath** This colorful and inviting children's ABC book combines delightful illustrations with alliterative and whimsical (yet appropriate) Scripture story allusions. ©2007 **Grade Level K-1**

***Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes** What a night! The moon is full. Kitten is hungry and inquisitive and brave. **Caldecott Medal Book and CCS** ©2004 **Grade Level K-1**

***The Legend of the Sand Dollar* by Chris Auer** Eight-year-old Kerry and her older sister are sent to their aunt's home near the Atlantic Coast, where Cousin Jack teaches Kerry many things, including how the sand dollar tells the story of Easter. ©2005 **Grade Level K-1**

***Lily Leads the Way* by Margi Preus** Lily the sailboat is small but sturdy, in a harbor full of enormous cargo ships, speedy fishing vessels, and bossy tugboats that all have somewhere to go. ©2022 **Grade Level K-1**

***Little White Rabbit* by Kevin Henkes** As he hops along, a little rabbit wonders what it would be like to be green as grass, tall as fir trees, hard as rocks, and flutter like butterflies. ©2011 **Grade Level K-1**

***Mae Jamison: A Kid's Book About Reaching Your Dreams* by Mary Nhin** Mini Movers and Shakers children's book series comes with a cast of characters who have failed, yet succeeded despite overwhelming obstacles. In the fourth volume, we meet Mae Jamison. Find out what happens in this kids book about reaching your dreams. ©2020 **Grade Level K-1**

***Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joesse** Story of a child testing the limits of her independence. A mother reassures that a parent's love is unconditional and everlasting. ©2014 **Grade Level K-1**

***My Pet Feet* by Josh Funk** When the letter R suddenly vanishes, a whole town goes upside-down. ©2022 **Grade Level K-1**

***My Teacher for President* by Kay Winters** Oliver has been learning about the president's job, and his teacher would be the perfect candidate. She loves white houses, she's used to being followed everywhere, she attends lots of meetings, she finds jobs for people, and she believes in peace. ©2004 **Grade Level K-1**

***No, David* by David Shannon** Based on a story the author wrote as a child, all David hears from his mother as he breaks her rules is "No, David!", "That's enough, David!", and "Settle down!" ©1998 **Grade Level K-1**

***One-osaurus, Two-osaurus* by Kim Norman** A dinosaur celebration makes for an entertaining book about numbers and counting. Ending has a funny twist and shows how a child uses their imagination. ©2021 **Grade Level Preschool-2**

***Over in the Meadow* by John Langstaff** The old animal counting song. Numbers for knee highs couldn't be more fun. Also has music for the song at the end. **Caldecott Medal Book ©1973 Grade Level K-1**

***Owen* by Kevin Henkes** Owen's fuzzy yellow blanket is his favorite possession. Everywhere Owen goes, his blanket goes with him. Upstairs, downstairs, in-between. **Caldecott Honor Book ©1993 Grade Level K-1**

***Pete the Cat: Pete on the Beach* by James Dean** Pete the Cat is one groovy cat at finding shells and building sand castles at the beach. But when it gets too hot, there's only one way to cool off—jump into the ocean! ©2013 **Grade Level K-1**

***Quiet Bunny's Many Colors* by Lisa McCue** Quiet Bunny loves the beautiful colors of springtime in the forest so much that he wants to change his fur's winter colors. ©2010 **Grade Level K-1**

***They All Saw a Cat* by Brendan Wenzel** The cat walked through the world, with its whiskers, ears, and paws. In this glorious celebration of observation, curiosity, and imagination, Brendan Wenzel shows us the many lives of one cat, and how perspective shapes what we see. When you see a cat, what do you see? **2017 Caldecott Honor Book ©2016 Grade Level Preschool-K**

***This Is Not My Hat* by Jon Klassen** A little fish thinks he can get away with stealing a hat. ©2012 **Caldecott Medal Book Grade Level K-1**

***Time for Kenny* by Brian Pinkey** First, Kenny must get dressed. Maybe he can wear his mom's shoes? And his grandpa's hat seems to fit perfectly on his head. Luckily, with the help of his family, Kenny is finally set to go. Then he must overcome his fear of the monstrous vacuum cleaner, learn to play soccer with his big sister, and—after all that fun—get ready for bedtime. ©2021 **Grade Level K-1**

***Truck* by Donald Crews** In this wordless Caldecott Honor book, striking graphics help little ones follow a big red truck on its bustling journey. ©1991 **Caldecott Honor Book, CCS Grade Level K-1**