

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School**  
**Archdiocese of Philadelphia**  
**Recommended Summer Reading 2024**  
**PreK Entering Kindergarten**

**No Required Reading**

***Bright Star* by Yuyi Morales** With the combination of powerful, spare language and sumptuous, complex imagery characteristic of her work, Yuyi Morales weaves the tale of a fawn making her way through a landscape that is dangerous, beautiful—and full of potential. A gentle voice urges her onward, to face her fears and challenge the obstacles that seek to hold her back. Pura Belpré Illustrator Honor Book and The Tomás Rivera Mexican Children’s Book Award @2021 Grade Level Preschool-2

***Dilly Duck Plays All Day* by Holly DiBella-McCarthy** On the bank of a great big lake in a park called Wonder Wake, Dilly Duck sits all alone, so sad and bored on her own. There is just one thing to do. Find her friends, her flock, her crew! @2023 Grade Level Preschool-K

***Duck Duck Taco Truck* by Laura Lavoie** Two food trucks staffed by sworn enemies: ducks vs. geese. Before you can say "curly fries", these two rivals are in an epic food truck face-off. "*Battle on! At dawn, we ride!*" But soon, Goose becomes overwhelmed by *hangry* crowds. He sure could use some extra wings to help out! Will these foes find a solution and become feathered friends? @2024 Grade Level K-2

***I Will Always Be Proud of You* by Michael Wong** It explores the many wonderful possibilities in life, and reassures children that they will be loved unconditionally whatever they choose to be. The inspirational story is beautifully illustrated with diverse and inclusive characters. @2022 Grade Level Preschool-1

***The Panda Problem* by Deborah Underwood** Every story needs a problem. But Panda doesn’t have a problem. Unless, Panda is the problem. Just who is the main character of this story? A funny book about how books work. ©2019 Grade Level Preschool-2

***Partly Cloudy* by Deborah Freedman** Two curious bunnies enjoy watching clouds go by. But when they look at the sky, they each see something completely different! While one bunny likes to use his imagination and sees cotton candy or whipped cream, the other bunny can only see the science behind them. Together they learn that cloud watching is much more fun when they can see it through each other's eyes. @2024 Grade Level Preschool-2

***A Seed Grows* by Antoinette Portis** To understand how a seed becomes a sunflower, you have to peek beneath the soil and wait patiently as winding roots grow, a stalk inches out of the earth, and new seeds emerge among blooming petals. Sibert Honor Book, and Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book @2022 Grade Level Preschool-K

***See This Little Dot* by Jane Yolen** When is a dot "not just a blot on a page"? In Jane Yolen's characteristically imaginative, free-verse explanation, the humble dot can take on many functions, from a spot of food to an animal's eye, from a marble to a moon. As Yolen extolls the dot's satisfying shape and innate neatness. @2024 Grade Level K-2

***This I Know: Seeing God in the World He Made (Based on Jesus Loves Me)* by Clay Anderson** Whether it's a morning sunrise that reminds us that God makes everything new. A frightening thunderstorm that shows us God's power. A gentle snowfall that demonstrates God's grace Or nighttime crickets that help us rest in God's peace everywhere in creation, we see the craftsmanship of God, filling our world with His beauty and character! @2020 Grade Level K-2

***Wolf in the Snow* by Matthew Cordell** A girl is lost in a snowstorm. A wolf cub is lost, too. How will they find their way home? 2018 Caldecott Medal ©2017 Grade Level Preschool-1

***Worm and Caterpillar Are Friends* by Kaz Windness** Worm and Caterpillar are friends—*best* friends. Worm loves how they are just alike, but Caterpillar has a feeling there is a big change coming. Then Caterpillar disappears for a while and comes back as Butterfly. Will Butterfly and Worm still be friends? Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book @2022 Grade Level Preschool-1

***The Wrong Book* by Drew Daywalt** Do bicycles say cock-a-doodle-doo? Do firefighters shout Ding Dong! before they put out a fire? That's what the narrator of this hilarious picture book thinks! Good thing there are some other characters in this book to set him straight. @2024 Grade Level K-2

***You Are My Happy* by Hoda Kotb** As mama bear and her cub cuddle together before closing their eyes for a good night's sleep, they reflect on the everyday wonders of life that make them happy. @2019 Grade Level Preschool-2

***You're Always Enough: And More Than I Hoped For* by Emily Ley** Features vibrant illustrations of a diverse cast of characters and will enhearten children who are always trying so hard, are afraid of making mistakes, or need reassurance that they are enough exactly as they are. Hold your child close as you share this sweet message and show them just how proud you are of the fun, amazing, and so very special person that they are. @2022 Grade Level Preschool-2