

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School
Archdiocese of Philadelphia Recommended
Summer Reading 2026
PreK Entering Kindergarten

No Required Reading

***Everywhere Wonder* by Matthew Swanson** The imagination of a young boy—who explores everything from the pyramids of Egypt to a dusty footprint on the moon—and then back out again to the wonderful world right in front of him. ©2017 **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. ©2017 **Grade Level K-1**

***Good Day, Good Night* by Margaret Wise Brown** Reminiscent of the author's beloved Goodnight Moon, this shares a day—and night—in the life of a busy little bunny. ©2017 **Grade Level K-1**

***Green* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger** How many kinds of green are there? There's the lush green of a forest on a late spring day, the fresh, juicy green of a just-cut lime, the incandescent green of a firefly, and the vivid aquamarine of a tropical sea. **2013 Caldecott Honor Book, Geisel Honor Book, Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of ©2012 Grade Level Preschool-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. ©2018 **Grade Level Preschool-3, 2019 Caldecott Medal**

***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**

Nerdy Birdy by Aaron Reynolds and Matt Davies Nerdy Birdy likes reading, video games, and reading about video games, which immediately disqualifies him for membership in the cool crowd. One thing is clear: being a nerdy birdy is a lonely lifestyle. When he's at his lowest point, Nerdy Birdy meets a flock just like him. He has friends and discovers that there are far more nerdy birdies than cool birdies in the sky. **@2015 Grade Level Preschool-2**

Not Friends by Rebecca Bender Giraffe and Bird are not friends. After all, they fight all the time. But when they go their separate ways and a scary storm strikes, they both realize they might be better off together—even if they are still not friends. **©2017 Grade Level K-1**

One-osaurus, Two-osaurus by Kim Norman A counting book and dinosaurs celebrating make 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**

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**

Robinson by Peter Sís Illustrated by the author Exquisite art and a heartfelt story of adventure and friendship come together in this imaginative, magical book. **©2017 Grade Level K-2**

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**

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**

