

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Recommended Summer Reading 2024
Second Grade Entering Third Grade

REQUIRED READING - Any *Magic Tree House* Book by Mary Pope Osborne
Upon return to school, students should be prepared to complete a classroom activity that correlates with the required reading.

Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants: The Questioners Book #2 by **Andrea Beaty** In *Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants*, Ada must rely on her curious mind, her brave spirit, and her best pals, Rosie Revere and Iggy Peck, to solve a mystery in her own backyard. ©2022 Grade Level 3-4

Counting in Dog Years and Other Sassy Math Poems by **Betsy Franco** A great fit for children who enjoy playful, imaginative poetry and want to have fun exploring math concepts through relatable, real-life situations and whimsical illustrations. ©2022 Grade Level 2-3

Dragons in a Bag by **Zetta Elliott** When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she's not his grandmother--but she is a witch! She needs his help delivering baby dragons to a magical world where they'll be safe. There are two rules when it comes to the dragons: don't let them out of the bag, and don't feed them anything sweet. Also Notable Children's Book and Npr Best Book Of The Year ©2018 Grade Level 3-4

Finding My Dance by **Ria Thundercloud** At four years old, Ria Thundercloud was brought into the powwow circle, ready to dance in the special jingle dress her mother made for her. As she grew up, she danced with her brothers all over Indian country. Then Ria learned more styles--tap, jazz, ballet--but still loved the expressiveness of Indigenous dance. ©2022 Grade Level 3

Halfway to Harmony by **Barbara O'Connor** Walter Tipple is looking for adventure. He keeps having a dream that his big brother, Tank, appears before him and says, "Let's you and me go see my world, little man." But Tank went to the army and never came home, and Walter doesn't know how to see the world without him. ©2022 Grade Level 3-4

The Haunted Hotel (A to Z Mysteries) by **Ron Roy** There's a ghost in Green Lawn! Strange sounds and even stranger sights are terrifying guests at the Shangri-la Hotel. More and more people are being scared away. Will Green Lawn turn into a ghost town? Or can Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose stop this spook? ©1999 Grade Level 3-4

How to Be Cool in the Third Grade by **Betsy Duffey** It's not easy to seem cool when the whole class knows you wear superhero underwear and your mom still kisses you goodbye at the bus stop. But Robbie York has a plan. 1) Get rid of the name Robbie. 2) Get jeans. 3) Avoid bullies like Bo Haney. If only it were that simple! ©1999 Grade Level 3-4

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***J.D. and the Great Barber Battle* by J. Dillard** J.D. has a big problem--it's the night before the start of third grade and his mom has just given him his first and worst home haircut. When the steady stream of insults from the entire student body of Douglass Elementary becomes too much for J.D., he takes matters into his own hands and discovers that, unlike his mom, he's a genius with the clippers. ©2021 Grade Level 3-4

***Mac Saves the World (Mac B., Kid Spy #6)* by Mac Barnett** The Queen of England calls on her trusty spy, Mac B., once again. This time, Mac must navigate secret tunnels beneath the Berlin Wall in order to retrieve cheat codes from a Soviet scientist. Floppy disk in hand, **our hero finds** himself trapped in East Germany, stuck between the wall and the Stasi. How will he escape? Well it is 1989, and walls do fall down. ©2021 Grade Level 3-4

***Me and the Sky: Captain Beverley Bass, Pioneering Pilot* by Beverley Bass** When Beverley Bass was a young girl in the late 1950s, she told her parents she wanted to fly planes--and they told her that girls couldn't be pilots. Still, they encouraged her, and brought her to a nearby airport to watch the planes take off and land. ©2019 Grade Level 3-4

***My Head Has a Bellyache* by Chris Harris** A collection of poems that ranges from short haikus to full pages of rhymes, packed with silliness, absurdities, and demonstrative illustrations. There are irreverent riddles and nonsense words, offbeat characters, real places with unique names, and wacky ideas occasionally paired with heartfelt thoughts. 2024 ALA-ALSC Notable Book for Children, Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award Honor Book ©2023 Grade Level 3-4

***Remember* by Joy Harjo** This timeless poem paired with magnificent paintings makes for a picture book that is a true celebration of life and our human role within it. American Indian Library Association Honor Book, Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Award ©2023 Grade Level 3

***Saving the Day: Garrett Morgan's Life-Changing Invention of the Traffic Signal* by Karyn Parson** Before Garrett Morgan became a successful inventor and saved countless lives with his creations, he was a little boy with a head full of ideas on how to make life better for everyone. At a tumultuous time filled with racism and discrimination, Garrett became a prominent businessman and skilled inventor who produced the traffic signal, a gas mask, and other objects still used today. ©2021 Grade Level 3

***Stella* by McCall Hoyle** Ever since she was a puppy, Stella was trained to use her powerful beagle nose to sniff out dangerous chemicals and help her handler keep people safe. But during a routine security inspection, Stella misses the scent of an explosive. The sound of the blast is loud and scary. Unable to go back to work because of her anxiety, Stella is retired as a working dog. ©2022 Grade Level 3-4

***Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid* by Megan McDonald** Every morning, Judy Moody measures Stink and it's always the same: three feet, eight inches tall. Stink feels like even the class newt is growing faster than he is. Then, one day, the ruler reads — can it be? — three feet, seven and three quarters inches! Is Stink shrinking? He tries everything to look like he's growing, but wearing up-and-down stripes and spiking his hair aren't fooling anyone into

thinking he's taller. If only he could ask James Madison, Stink's hero, and the shortest person ever to serve as President of the United States. ©2021 Grade Level 3-4

***The Third Grade Reader: 12 Short Stories for Kids in 3rd Grade* by Curious Bee** Each terrific chapter of The Third Grade Reader is its own world of fantasy, fiction, and fun. Every story can be completed in one sitting, has an unexpected twist or quirk, and will keep every young reader engaged for hours. ©2023 Grade Level 3-4

***Three Strike Summer* by Skyler Schrempp** When the skies dried up, Gloria thought it was temporary. When the dust storms rolled in, she thought they would pass. But now the bank man's come to take the family farm, and Pa's decided to up and move to California in search of work. They'll pick fruit, he says, until they can save up enough money to buy land of their own again. ©2023 Grade Level 3-4

***Too Small Tola and the Three Fine Girls* by Atinuke** Too Small Tola lives in an apartment with her clever sister, Moji; her big brother, Dapo; and Grandmommy, who is very bossy. In the first of three endearing new adventures, Tola is sized just right to wriggle under the bed and rescue Grandmommy's prized possession when it goes missing. Her savvy and math skills save the day when Grandmommy gets sick, and when the family can't afford new clothes, industrious Tola finds a way—with a little help from Grandmommy to be just as fine as the three fine girls she so greatly admires. ©2023 Grade Level 3-4

***When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller** When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal--return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health--Lily is tempted to agree. Newbery Medal, Caldecott Medal, and The Asian/Pacific American Award For Children's Literature ©2023 Grade Level 3-5

***Wild Summer* by James DuBern** Rosie's donkey sanctuary isn't very popular. People want to see lions and gorillas, not rescue ponies and a washed-up race horse. With the bank manager threatening to repossess their home, Rosie and her mum come up with a wild idea; to turn it into a zoo. ©2022 Grade Level 3-5