

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST 2017
Kindergarten Entering First Grade**

REQUIRED READING – *A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon

Upon return to school, students should be prepared to complete a classroom activity that correlates with the required summer reading.

Bear and Hare Go Fishing – Emily Gravett ©2015

Friends Bear and Hare are going fishing. While Hare is putting together a picnic, Bear enthusiastically fishes...a hat. Then...a roller skate. Will Bear ever hook an actual fish? Grade Level: K–2

Don't Throw It to Mo! by David A. Adler ©2016

"Mo is the youngest kid on the Robins football team. The kids on the rival team tease him for being a 'butterfingers' who's too tiny to catch the ball. But Mo's coach has a plan up his sleeve to turn Mo's little size into a big win for the Robins." Grade Level 1-2

Double Happiness by Nancy Tupper Ling ©2015

For their move far away, Gracie and Jake are sad to leave the golden bridge, the trolley tracks, and Nai Nai. But they fill empty boxes with treasures— a marble, a snake, a pair of wings. Grade Level K-2

Fiona's Lace by Patricia Polacco ©2014

Many years ago, times were hard in all of Ireland, so when passage to America becomes available, Fiona and her family travel to Chicago. They find work in domestic service to pay back their passage, and at night Fiona turns tangles of thread into a fine, glorious lace. Grade Level 1-3

Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood by F. Isabel Campoy ©2016

What good can a splash of color do in a community of gray? As Mira and her neighbors discover, more than you might ever imagine! Grade Level K-3

Pop's Cookie Duster – Don and Lee Doyle ©2016

Rainy afternoons aren't much fun for two lively little girls who love to play outside. But a hands-on kitchen activity with their visiting Pop might just save the day from being a washout! Grade Level: K–3

The Pout-Pout Fish Goes to School by Deborah Diesen ©2014

Mr. Fish is nervously awaiting his first day of school, and he frets about not knowing how to write his name, how to draw shapes, and how to do math—until he's reassured that school is the perfect place to learn how to master all of these new skills. Grade Level K-1

Thunder Boy Jr by Sherman Alexie ©2016

Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his dad, but he wants a name that's all his own. Just because people call his dad Big Thunder doesn't mean he wants to be Little Thunder. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done, like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder. New York Times Notable Children's Book of the Year Grade Level 1-3

Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews ©2015

Hailing from the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans, Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was high. A prodigy, he was leading his own band by age six, and today this Grammy-nominated artist headlines the legendary New Orleans Jazz Fest. 2016 Caldecott Medal Book and Coretta Scott King Award Grade Level 1-4

The Truth about my Unbelievable Summer by David Cali ©2016

What really happened over the summer break? A curious teacher wants to know. The epic explanation? What started out as a day at the beach turned into a globe-spanning treasure hunt with high-flying hijinks, exotic detours, an outrageous cast of characters, and one very mischievous bird! Is this yet another tall tale, or is the truth just waiting to be revealed? Grade Level 1-3