

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST 2018
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** 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? ©2015 Grade Level: K-2

***The Day the Crayons Came Home* by Drew Daywalt** I'm not sure what it is about this kid Duncan, but his crayons sure are a colorful bunch of characters! Having soothed the hurt feelings of one group who threatened to quit, Duncan now faces a whole new group of crayons asking to be rescued. ©2015 Grade Level K-2

***Don't Throw It to Mo!* by David A. Adler** "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." ©2016 Grade Level 1-2

***Double Happiness* by Nancy Tupper Ling** 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. ©2015 Grade Level K-2

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

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! ©2016 Grade Level K-3

***The Mermaid* by Jan Brett** When Kiniro, a young mermaid, comes upon a gorgeous house made of seashells and coral, she is so curious that she goes inside. She's thrilled to find a just-right breakfast, pretty little chair, and, best of all, a comfy bed that rocks in the current. ©2017 Grade Level K-3

***Nana in the City* by Lauren Castillo** a young boy spends an overnight visit with his nana and is frightened to find that the city where she lives is filled with noise and crowds and scary things. But then Nana makes him a special cape to help him be brave, and soon the everyday sights, sounds, and smells of the city are not scary—but wonderful. 2015 Caldecott Honor Book ©2014 Grade Level K-3

***Pop's Cookie Duster* – Don and Lee Doyle** 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! ©2016 Grade Level: K-3

***The Pout-Pout Fish Goes to School* by Deborah Diesen** 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. ©2014 Grade Level K-1

***Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts** All Jeremy wants is a pair of those shoes, the ones everyone at school seems to be wearing. Though Jeremy's grandma says they don't have room for "want," just "need," when his old shoes fall apart at school, he is more determined than ever to have those shoes, even a thrift-shop pair that are much too small. ©2009 Grade Level K-2

Thunder Boy Jr by Sherman Alexie 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 ©2016 **Grade Level 1-3**

Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews 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 ©2015 Grade Level 1-4**

The Truth about my Unbelievable Summer by Davide Cali 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? ©2016 **Grade Level 1-3**

The Turnip – Jan Brett In a rollicking, cumulative tale, a badger family and their friends—Hedgie, Mr. Ram and Vanya, the horse—struggle to pull up a giant turnip. ©2015 **Grade Level K–1**

We're All Wonders by R. J. Palacio *We're All Wonders* may be Auggie's story, but it taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way for families and educators to talk about empathy and kindness with young children. ©2017 **Grade Level K-3**

What Pet Should I Get? – Dr. Seuss What happens when a brother and sister visit a pet store to pick a pet? Naturally, they can't choose just one! ©2015 **Grade Level: K–2**

Yard Sale by Eve Bunting Callie and her family are moving from their house to an apartment, so they're having a yard sale. It can be hard to let things go, but in the end, it's who you have - not what you have - that counts. ©2015 **Grade Level 1-2**