

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

REQUIRED READING – *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel

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

The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos by Debotah Helligman ©2013

Most people think of mathematicians as solitary, working away in isolation. And, it's true, many of them do. But Paul Erdos never followed the usual path. At the age of four, he could ask you when you were born and then calculate the number of seconds you had been alive in his head.

The Dead Bird by Margaret Wise Brown ©2016

One day, the children find a bird lying on its side with its eyes closed and no heartbeat. They are very sorry, so they decide to say good-bye. In the park, they dig a hole for the bird and cover it with warm sweet-ferns and flowers. Grade Level 1-3

Dirt on my Shirt by Jeff Foxworthy ©2009

In his bestselling picture book *Dirt on My Shirt*, Jeff Foxworthy warmed the hearts of kids both big and little. Now, in this I Can Read edition, poems have been hand selected for beginning readers to enjoy. Grade Level 2-3

Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mann Malaspina ©2015

In 1914, Harry Colebourn, a veterinarian on his way to tend horses in World War I, followed his heart and rescued a baby bear. He named her Winnie, after his hometown of Winnipeg, and he took the bear to war. 2016 Caldecott Medal Book Grade Level 1-2

The Kid from Diamond Street by Audrey Vernick ©2016

Beginning in 1922, when Edith Houghton was only ten years old, she tried out for a women's professional baseball team, the Philadelphia Bobbies. Grade Level K-3

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? 2016 Newbery Medal, 2016 Caldecott Honor Book, and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book Grade Level K-2

Place Value by David A. Adler ©2017

You had better not monkey around when it comes to place value. The monkeys in this book can tell you why! As they bake the biggest banana cupcake ever, they need to get the amounts in the recipe correct. There's a big difference between 216 eggs and 621 eggs. Place value is the key to keeping the numbers straight. Grade Level 1-3

Pond by Jim LaMarche ©2016

When Matt is out for a late winter hike he sees a trickle of water in the old deserted and junk filled dirt pit at the edge of his neighborhood. With quiet appreciation, Matt can imagine the pond that must once have been there, shining in the early spring light, freezing in the winter for skating and the perfect place for swimming in the summer. Grade Level 1-3

Spring According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney ©2017

Spring has sprung and everyone at Longfellow School, including Ms. Brisbane's class, are HAPPY-HAPPY-HAPPY! It also means Family Fun Night is coming up and all the students' families are involved in making amazing circus activities. Grade Level 2-4

Wall by Tom Clohosy Cold ©2014

A young boy and his mother and sister were separated from their father when the Berlin Wall was built between East and West Germany. Grade Level 1-3