

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL  
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING 2018  
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.

***After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)* by Dan Santat** Everyone knows that when Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. But what happened *after*? ©2017 Grade Level 1-2

***The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos* by Debotah Helligman** 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. ©2013 Grade Level 1-2

***Caroline's Comets: A True Story* by Emily Arnold McCully** Caroline Herschel (1750–1848) was not only one of the greatest astronomers who ever lived but also the first woman to be paid for her scientific work. ©2017 Grade Level 1-3

***Dirt on my Shirt* by Jeff Foxworthy** 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. ©2009 Grade Level 2-3

***Finding Winnie* by Lindsay Mann Malaspina** 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 ©2015 Grade Level 1-2

***Habitats of the World* by Sindy McKay** This book features beautiful photographs and fascinating information on all the major animal habitats of our world. Readers will travel through savannas, rainforests, coral reefs, deserts, mountains, swamps, Arctic ice, and much more! ©2017 Grade Level 1-4

***The Kid from Diamond Street* by Audrey Vernick** Beginning in 1922, when Edith Houghton was only ten years old, she tried out for a women's professional baseball team, the Philadelphia Bobbies. ©2016 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 ©2015 Grade Level K-2

***Madeline Finn and the Library Dog* by Lisa Papp** Fortunately, Madeline Finn meets Bonnie, a library dog. Reading out loud to Bonnie isn't so bad; when Madeline Finn gets stuck, Bonnie doesn't mind. ©2016 Grade Level 1-2

***National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Space* by Catherine D. Hughes** This beautiful book is the latest addition to the *National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book* series. These colorful pages will introduce young children to the wonders of space. ©2012 Grade Level 1-4

***Place Value* by David A. Adler** 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. ©2017 Grade Level 1-3

***Pond* by Jim LaMarche** 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. ©2016 Grade Level 1-3

***Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty** Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. ©2016 Grade Level 1-2

***Spring According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney** 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. ©2017 Grade Level 2-4

***Wall* by Tom Clohosi** Cold A young boy and his mother and sister were separated from their father when the Berlin Wall was built between East and West Germany. ©2014 Grade Level 1-3

***The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse* by Mac Barnett** When a woeful mouse is swallowed by a wolf, he quickly learns he is not alone: a duck has already set up digs, and, boy, has that duck got it figured out!

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