

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING 2017
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 summer reading.

All That's Missing by Sarah Sullivan ©2013

Secretly providing for himself and a beloved grandfather who is succumbing to dementia, young Arlo is placed in the care of a social worker and runs away to find and connect with his only other family member. Grade Level 3-7

Honey by Sarah Weeks ©2016

Melody has lived in Royal, Indiana, for as long as she can remember. It's been just her and her father, and she's been okay with that. But then she overhears him calling someone Honey -- and suddenly it feels like everyone in Royal has a secret. Grade Level 3-5

How to Avoid Extinction by Paul Acampora ©2016

Leo's grandfather died a year ago, and ever since Leo has been tasked with tracking his grandmother down whenever she wanders away from their home in Allentown, Pennsylvania--but when she abruptly decides to take the trip to Utah that her husband was planning, Leo finds himself on the way to visit dinosaurs, in an old Buick with his grandmother, his seventeen-year-old cousin Abby, and Abby's old, smelly Golden retriever, Kermit, without telling his mother. Grade Level 3-5

Mallory McDonald, Super Sitter by Laurie B. Friedman ©2017

Mallory takes on a babysitting job, only to discover that it is more work than she expected and that she will have to learn to balance her commitments". Grade Level 3-5

One Green Apple by Eve Bunting ©2006

Farah feels alone, even when surrounded by her classmates. She listens and nods but doesn't speak. It's hard being the new kid in school, especially when you're from another country and don't know the language. Grade Level 1-4

The Poet's Dog by Patricia MacLachian ©2016

Teddy is a gifted dog. Raised in a cabin by a poet named Sylvan, he grew up listening to sonnets read aloud and the comforting clicking of a keyboard. Grade Level 3-5

The Sign of the Carved Cross by Lisa M. Hendey ©2015

Katie joins her friends in being mean to the new girl, Lily. But suddenly, Katie becomes the new girl—in 1675! She has no idea how she traveled in time to a Native American village, but she's hoping the young woman she meets will be nicer to her than Katie was to Lily. Grade Level 2-5

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement by Carole Boston Weatherford ©2015

Despite fierce prejudice and abuse, even being beaten to within an inch of her life, Fannie Lou Hamer was a champion of civil rights from the 1950s until her death in 1977. Integral to the Freedom Summer of 1964. 2016 Caldecott Honor Book, Robert F. Sibert Honor Book, and John Steptoe New Talent Illustrator Award Grade Level 3-6

We the Children (Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School) by Andrew Clements ©2011

Benjamin Pratt's school is about to become the site of a new amusement park. It sounds like a dream come true! But lately, Ben has been wondering if he's going to like an amusement park in the middle of his town—with all the buses and traffic and eight dollar slices of pizza. Grade Level 2-4

Wish by Barbara O'Connor ©2016

A story about a girl who, with the help of the dog of her dreams, discovers that family doesn't always have to be related--they are simply people who love you for who you are." Grade Level 3-5