

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING 2018
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** 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. ©2013 Grade Level 3-7

***Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanlon** As the youngest in her family, Dory really wants attention, and more than anything she wants her brother and sister to play with her. But she's too much of a baby for them, so she's left to her own devices—including her wild imagination and untiring energy. ©2015 Grade Level 2-3

***Grand Canyon* by Jason Chin** Rivers wind through earth, cutting down and eroding the soil for millions of years, creating a cavity in the ground 277 miles long, 18 miles wide, and more than a mile deep known as the Grand Canyon. 2018 Caldecott Honor Book, Sibert Honor Book ©2017 Grade Level 3-5

***Honey* by Sarah Weeks** 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. ©2016 Grade Level 3-5

***How to Avoid Extinction* by Paul Acampora** 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. ©2016 Grade Level 3-5

***Mallory McDonald, Super Sitter* by Laurie B. Friedman** "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". ©2017 Grade Level 3-5

***One Green Apple* by Eve Bunting** 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. ©2006 Grade Level 1-4

***The Poet's Dog* by Patricia MacLachian** 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. ©2016 Grade Level 3-5

***St. John Bosco and His Big Gray Dog* by Hayley Medeiros** It is hard to believe that anyone would have ever wanted to hurt good Father John Bosco. He helped so many people. But there were times when his life was in danger. During those times, a very special guardian would appear to protect him. ©2015 Grade Level 2-4

***Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero* by Patricia McCormick** When a group of US Marines fighting in the Korean War found a bedraggled mare, they wondered if she could be trained to a packhorse. ©2017 Grade Level 1-5

***Shai & Emmie Star in Break an Egg!* By Quvenzane Wallis** Shai Williams was born to be a star (or a veterinarian—and maybe a dentist). She attends a special elementary school for the performing arts, and her grandma Rosa and aunt Mac-N-Cheese are both actresses. ©2017 Grade Level 1-4

***Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille* by Jen Bryant** Louis Braille was just five years old when he lost his sight. He was a clever boy, determined to live like everyone else, and what he wanted more than anything was to be able to read. ©2016 Grade Level 2-4

***The Sign of the Carved Cross* by Lisa M. Hendey** 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. ©2015 Grade Level 2-5

***Swimming with Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark* by Heather Lang** Before Eugenie Clark's groundbreaking research, most people thought sharks were vicious, blood-thirsty killers. From the first time she saw a shark in an aquarium, Japanese-American Eugenie was enthralled. ©2016 Grade Level 2-3

***Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* by Carole Boston Weatherford** 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 ©2015 Grade Level 3-6

***We the Children (Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School)* by Andrew Clements** 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. ©2011 Grade Level 2-4

***The Whisper in the Ruins (Chime Travelers)* by Lisa M. Hendey** Somebody is angry, and they're taking it out on St. Anne's. Patrick and his twin sister Katie are shocked when they learn that someone threw a brick through the St. Francis of Assisi stained glass window at St. Anne's. What would make someone angry enough to damage the beautiful old window? ©2016 Grade Level 2-5

***Wish* by Barbara O'Connor** "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." ©2016 Grade Level 3-5

***Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes** Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons. 2013 Newbery Honor Book ©2013 Grade Level 2-4

***The Year of the Baby* by Andrea Cheng** Last year, Anna learned how to be a good friend. Now that her family has adopted a baby girl from China, she wants to learn how to be a good sister.

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