

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING 2017
THIRD GRADE ENTERING FOURTH GRADE**

REQUIRED READING – *Jake Drake, Bully Buster* by Andrew Clements
Upon return to school, students should be prepared to complete a classroom activity that correlates with the required summer reading.

Brave Like My Brother by Marc Tyler Nobleman ©2016

When Charlie's brother, Joe, is called up to fight in World War II, he promises to write letters to ten-year-old Charlie as often as he can. It won't make up for not being there to help Charlie out with the neighborhood bullies, but it's all Joe can do. Grade Level 4-5

Counting Thyme by Melania Conklin ©2016 When eleven-year-old Thyme Owens' little brother, Val, is accepted into a new cancer drug trial, it's just the second chance that he needs. But it also means the Owens family has to move to New York, thousands of miles away from Thyme's best friend and everything she knows and loves.

For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzal's Story by Rebecca Langston-George ©2016

She grew up in a world where women were supposed to be quiet. But Malala Yousafzai refused to be silent. She defied the Taliban's rules, spoke out for education for every girl, and was almost killed for her beliefs. Grade Level 3-4

Katerina's Wish by Jeannie Mobley ©2012

Thirteen-year-old Trina's family left Bohemia for a Colorado coal town to earn money to buy a farm, but by 1901 she doubts that either hard work or hoping will be enough, even after a strange fish seems to grant her sisters' wishes. Grade Level 4-7

Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare by Gene Barretta ©2016

President Abraham Lincoln grew up in a one-room log cabin. President John F. Kennedy was raised in the lap of luxury. One was a Republican and one a Democrat. They lived and served a hundred years apart. Grade Level 2-5

Pax by Sara Pennypacker ©2016

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back." Grade Level 4-7

Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin ©2014

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. Not everyone understands Rose's obsessions, her rules, and the other things that make her different – not her teachers, not other kids, and not her single father. Grade Level 4-7

Ms. Rapscott's Girls by Elise Primavera ©2015

At Great Rapscott School for Girls of Busy Parents, Ms. Rapscott teaches her students How to Get Lost on Purpose, resulting in a series of fantastical adventures that makes each learn a little something about courage, strength, bravery, and teamwork.” Grade Level 4-6

The Remarkable Journey of Charlie Price by Jennifer Mascari ©2016

A boy must rescue his sister after she finds - and wants to stay - in an almost-world beneath her bed, where their mother is still alive." Grade Level 4-6

Rumf: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin by Liesl Shurtliff ©2014

This funny fractured fairy tale goes behind the scenes of Rumpelstiltskin. "A most magical feat," writes Newbery Honor-winner Kirby Larson, "Liesl Shurtliff spins words into gold." Grade Level 4-7

The Volcano of Fire by Geronimo Stilton ©2011

After receiving a mysterious message summoning him to a meeting, Geronimo Stilton finds himself back in the Kingdom of Fantasy, summoned by the Elves, who want him to travel to the Great Explanatorium to find an answer to the earthquakes that are threatening the Kingdom. Grade Level 2-5

When the Sea Turned to Silver by Grace Lin ©2016

Pinmei's gentle, loving grandmother always has the most exciting tales for her granddaughter and the other villagers. However, the peace is shattered one night when soldiers of the Emperor arrive and kidnap the storyteller. Grade Level 3-6

A Whole New Ballgame by Phil Bildner ©2015

From the first morning with their odd new teacher fifth grade is full of shocking surprises for best friends Rip and Red. Grade Level 4-6