

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING 2018
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** 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. ©2016 **Grade Level 4-5**

***The Cheese Experiment* by Geronimo Stilton** New Mouse City was in a panic. A strange epidemic had broken out -- mice everywhere were covered in weird blue spots! Mouse Island's most famous doctor immediately set to work with his team to try to find the cure... but someone was trying to stop him. ©2016 **Grade Level 4-5**

***The Chestertons and the Golden Key* by Nancy Carpentier Brown** Summer vacation turns into an adventure for the three Nicholl sisters when Mr. Gilbert Chesterton and his wife come to town. Eleven-year-old Clare hopes to write a detective story. Eight-year-old Cece wants to be a champion roller-skater. And ten-year-old Joan just wants to learn how to play the locked piano in the family living room. But as they befriend the Chestertons, skating accidents, surprising friendships, puppet shows, and mystery solving ensue! ©2016 **Grade Level 4-5**

***Counting Thyme* by Melania Conklin** 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. ©2016 **Grade Level 4-7**

***A Dog Called Homeless* by Sarah Lean** Cally Fisher knows she can see her dead mother, but the only other living soul who does is a mysterious wolfhound who always seems to be there when her mom appears. Schneider Family Book Award ©2014 **Grade Level 4-6**

***Flashback Four #1: The Lincoln Project* by Dan Gutman** Four very different kids are picked by a mysterious billionaire to travel through time and photograph some of history's most important events. This time, the four friends are headed to 1863 to catch Abraham Lincoln delivering his famous Gettysburg Address. ©2017 **Grade Level 4-7**

***For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story* by Rebecca Langston-George** 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. ©2016 **Grade Level 3-4**

***I Survived the American Revolution, 1776* by Lauren Tarshis** Nathaniel Fox never imagined he'd find himself in the middle of a blood-soaked battlefield, fighting for his life. He was only eleven years old! He'd barely paid attention to the troubles between America and England. ©2017 **Grade Level: 3-5**

***Katerina's Wish* by Jeannie Mobley** 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. ©2012 **Grade Level 4-7**

***Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare* by Gene Barretta** 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. ©2016 **Grade Level 2-5**

***Martin de Porres: The Rose in the Desert* by Gary D. Schmidt** As the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a former slave, Martin de Porres was born into extreme poverty. Even so, his mother begged the church fathers to allow him into the priesthood. Instead, Martin was accepted as a servant boy. But soon, the young man was performing miracles. 2013 Pura Belpre Award for Illustration ©2012 **Grade Level 3-5**

***Ms. Rapscott's Girls* by Elise Primavera** "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." ©2015 **Grade Level 4-6**

***Raffie on the Run* by Jacqueline Resnick** Raffie Lipton lives a rat's dream life. In his family's subway station home, he has all the food he can forage from the treasure chests humans call trash cans, and the perfect shoebox bed for telling his brother his famous adventure stories. ©2018 **Grade Level: 3-6**

***Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin** 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. ©2014 **Grade Level 4-7**

***The Remarkable Journey of Charlie Price* by Jennifer Mascari** "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." ©2016 **Grade Level 4-6**

***Robots in Space* by Ruth Owen** Discusses how robots are being used in space to explore distant planets, conduct experiments, and fix spacecraft when those tasks are too dangerous for humans. ©2014 **Grade Level: 4-6**

***Rumf: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff** 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." ©2014 **Grade Level 4-7**

***When the Sea Turned to Silver* by Grace Lin** 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. ©2016 **Grade Level 3-6**

***A Whole New Ballgame* by Phil Bildner** "From the first morning with their odd new teacher fifth grade is full of shocking surprises for best friends Rip and Red." ©2015 **Grade Level 4-6**