

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING 2017
Pre K Entering Kindergarten
NO REQUIRED READING

Before I Sleep I Say Thank You by Carol Gordon Ekster

Before I Sleep takes readers through the nighttime routine of one little boy with his mother. As they reflect on the day, he recalls both things that he could have done better and blessings throughout his day. With its roots in the Examen prayer, Before I Sleep takes you through a bedtime ritual that is common to many religions. A finalist for the ACP Excellence in Publishing Awards 2016 and a third-place winner in the Catholic Press Association awards in the children's book category, 2016. Grade Level K-3

Counting on Community by Innosanto Nagara

Counting up from one stuffed piñata to ten hefty hens-- and always counting on each other--children are encouraged to recognize the value of their community, the joys inherent in healthy eco-friendly activities, and the agency they possess to make change. A broad and inspiring vision of diversity is told through stories in words and pictures. And of course, there is a duck to find on every page! Grade Level K-2

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by Lindsay Mattick

Before Winnie-the-Pooh, there was a real bear named Winnie. And she was a girl! 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 Grade Level K-3

Green by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

How many kinds of green are there? There's the lush green of a forest on a late spring day, the fresh, juicy green of a just-cut lime, the incandescent green of a firefly, and the vivid aquamarine of a tropical sea. 2013 Caldecott Honor Book, Geisel Honor Book, Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2012 Grade Level Pre-School-1

Nana in the City by Lauren Castillo

A young boy spends an overnight visit with his nana and is frightened to find that the city where she lives is filled with noise and crowds and scary things. But then Nana makes him a special cape to help him be brave, and soon the everyday sights, sounds, and smells of the city are not scary—but wonderful. 2015 Caldecott Honor Book Grade Level K-3

The Red Hat by David Teague

Billy Hightower spends his whole life alone in a skyscraper high above a big city. Then one day, a skyscraper is built next door and a girl moves in. Could she be a friend? But every time Billy tries to reach out to her, the wily Wind gets in his way! Can Billy find a way to outsmart the Wind and make a new friend, or will he be swept away? Grade Level Pre-School-K

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett

Sam and Dave are on a mission. A mission to find something spectacular. So they dig a hole. And they keep digging. And they find . . . nothing. 2015 Caldecott Honor Book and Irma S. and James H. Black Award Grade Level Pre-School-1

Shy by Deborah Freedman

"Shy loves birds, but he's only ever read about them in books. When a real bird finally comes along, he's dying to meet her, but he's too afraid to get leave the gutter of the book. Can he put aside his fears, step out onto the page, and get to know her?" Grade Level K-1

The Thank You Book (An Elephant and Piggie Book) by Mo Willems

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. Grade Level K-2

They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel

The cat walked through the world, with its whiskers, ears, and paws . . . In this glorious celebration of observation, curiosity, and imagination, Brendan Wenzel shows us the many lives of one cat, and how perspective shapes what we see. When you see a cat, what do you see? Grade Level Pre-School-K

The Yes by Sarah Bee

A cheerful orange creature who sets off to explore the big wide Where. But the Where is home to the Nos, who travel in packs and discourage the Yes at every turn. Grade Level K-3

Waiting by Kevin Henkes

Five friends sit happily on a windowsill, waiting for something amazing to happen. The owl is waiting for the moon. The pig is waiting for the rain. The bear is waiting for the wind. The puppy is waiting for the snow. And the rabbit is just looking out the window because he likes to wait! Caldecott Honor and Geisel Honor Book Grade Level Pre-School-K