

Pope John Paul II

SUMMER READING 2018

ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

Reading with your child is essential to prepare him/her for Kindergarten. The following is a list of suggested titles to enjoy with your child.

Accident by **Andrea Tsurumi** When a clumsy armadillo named Lola knocks over a glass pitcher, she sets off a silly chain of events, encountering chaos wherever she goes. ©2017 **Grade Level K-3**

Beatrix Potter and Her Paint Box by **David McPhail** All her life, Beatrix Potter loved to paint. From a young age, she painted the bunnies, mice, and other pets who populated her family home. These became the characters of her stories. With beautiful scenes rich in detail, David McPhail transports us to the charming English countryside and the wonderful world of Beatrix Potter. ©2015 **Grade Level Preschool-2**

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 Preschool-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! ©2015 **Grade Level K-2**

Drop It, Rocket! by **Tad Hills** Rocket is ready to find new words for his word tree with his teacher, the little yellow bird. He finds a leaf, a hat, and a star but when he finds a red boot, he doesn't want to let go. What will make Rocket drop it? ©2014 **Grade Level Preschool-K**

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 Preschool-1**

If You Give a Mouse a Brownie by **Laura Numeroff** If you give a mouse a brownie, he's going to ask for some ice cream to go with it. When you give him the ice cream, he'll probably ask you for a spoon. He'll start drumming on the table. Drumming will get him so excited he'll want to start a band. ©2016 **Grade Level Preschool-3**

Marley Firehouse Dog by **John Grogan** Marley's family is invited on a tour of the firehouse! Marley wasn't formally invited, but he decides to show up anyway. What will Marley's paws land in this time? ©2012 **Grade Level Preschool-3**

Not Quite Narwhal by **Jessie Sima** Growing up in the ocean, Kelp has always assumed that he was a narwhal like the rest of his family. Sure, he's always been a little bit different—his tusk isn't as long, he's not as good of a swimmer, and he really doesn't enjoy the cuisine. ©2017 **Grade Level Preschool-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? ©2015 **Grade Level Preschool-K**

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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 ©2014 **Grade Level Preschool-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?" ©2016 **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. ©2016 **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? 2017 Caldecott Honor Book ©2016 **Grade Level Preschool-K**

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! 2016 Caldecott Honor and Geisel Honor Book ©2015 **Grade Level Preschool-K**

When You are Happy by Eileen Spinelli In this delightful and lyrical text by renowned children's author Eileen Spinelli, a young girl finds reassurance from all of her family members and learns that love complements every mood. Coupled with dazzling art by illustrator Geraldo Valério, her words become a beautiful reminder of the care and comforts of unconditional love. ©2006 **Grade Level Preschool-2**

Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell A girl is lost in a snowstorm. A wolf cub is lost, too. How will they find their way home? 2018 Caldecott Medal ©2017 **Grade Level Preschool-1**

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. ©2015 **Grade Level K-3**