



MONROE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A WORKING READING LIST FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle Childhood: Grade Three to Grade Five

Some Titles to consider reading aloud to your child this summer. The list was compiled by National Catholic Education Association

FAITH

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass -- Lewis Carroll
Around the World in a Hundred Years: From Henry the Navigator to Magellan -- Jean Fritz
Big Red -- Jim Kielgaard
Derek Jeter: Surefire Shortstop -- Bob Schnakenberg
Fourth Grade Rats -- Jerry Spinelli
The Last Dog on Earth -- Daniel Ehrenhaft
The Little Princess -- Frances Hodgson Burnett
Loyola Kids' Book of Saints -- Amy Welborn
A Matter of Conscience: The Trial of Anne Hutchinson -- Joan Kane Nichols
Oh Baby! Katie Kazoo Switcheroo -- Nancy E. Krulik
The People Could Fly -- Virginia Hamilton
Saint Edith Stein: Blessed by the Cross -- Mary Lea Hill
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: Daughter of America -- Jeanne Marie Grunwell
Saint Isaac Jogues: With Burning Heart -- Christine Virginia Orfeo, FSP and
Mary Elizabeth Tebo, FSP
Shiloh -- Phyllis Reynolds
Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Three People, Four Days, Many Miracles -- J. Janda
Talkin' About Bessie -- Nikki Grimes
Window on the Deep: The Adventures of Underwater Explorer Sylvai Earle -- Andrea Conley
The Whole You: Creativity -- Jeannie Kim

HOPE

After the Funeral -- Jane Loretta Winsch
Ahyoka and the Talking Leaves -- Peter Roop and Connie Roop
Animals Who Have Won Our Hearts -- Jean Craighead George
The Boy Who Sailed with Columbus -- Richard Seaver
Earth From Above for Young Readers -- Yann Arthus-Bertrand
Flight: the Journey of Charles Lindbergh -- Robert Burleigh
Into the Woods: John James Audubon Lives His Dreams -- Robert Burleigh
Journey to Christmas: A Yuletide Story for Children of All Ages -- Wayne Skinner
The Keeping Quilt -- Patricia Polacco
The Lost Children -- Paul Goble
The Man Behind the Magic: The Story of Walt Disney -- Katherine and Richard Greene
The Moon of the Alligators -- Jean Craighead George
Not Just Tutus -- Rachel Isadore
Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard

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-- Mawi Asgedom

On the Ice . Mario Lemieux -- Matt Christopher

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes -- Eleanor Coerr

Sarah, Plain and Tall -- Patricia McLaughlin

So You Want to be an Inventor? -- Judith St. George

Tales from Gold Mountain -- Paul Yee

The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane -- Russell Freedman

LOVE

Amber on the Mountain -- Tony Johnson

Belle Pratter's Boy -- Ruth White

Blister -- Susan Shreve

Bridge to Terabithia -- Katherine Paterson

Changing Places: A Kid's View of Shelter Living -- Maggie Calofsky, *et al*

Chicken Sunday -- Patricia Polacco

Deaf Child Crossing -- Marlee Matlin

The Family Under the Bridge -- Natalie Savage Carlson

The Flip Flop Girl -- Katherine Patterson

Go Fish -- Mary Stolz

Halmoni and the Picnic -- Sook Myul Choi

Heidi -- Johanna Spyri

I Meet Jesus, He Tells Me, "I Love You" -- Jean Vanier

Miracle's Boy -- Jacqueline Woodson

The Moffats -- Eleanor Estes

Silent to the Bone -- E.L. Konigsburg

Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch -- Eileen Spinelli

Train to Somewhere -- Eve Bunting

Understood Betsy -- Dorothy Canfield Fisher

What Would Joey Do? -- Jack Gantos

The Witch of Blackbird Pond -- Elizabeth George Speare

COMMUNITY

All-of-a-Kind Family – Sydney Taylor

Because of Anya– Margaret Peterson Haddix

The Cabin Faced West – Jean Fritz

Class President – Johanna Hurwitz

Henry Huggins – Beverly Cleary

The Hundred Dresses – Eleanor Estes

If You Give a Pig a Pancake – Laura Joffe Numeroff Vera B. Williams

The Impossible Journey – Gloria Whelan

The Indian in the Cupboard – Lynne Reid Banks

Lassie Come Home – Rosemary Wells

Locomotion – Jacqueline Woodson

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Messages to Ground Zero: Children Respond to September 11, 2001 – Shelly Harwayne, ed.

Monkey Island – Paula Fox

Nobody's Family is Going to Change – Louise Fitzhugh

Remote Man – Elizabeth Honey

Shalinar's Song – Daniel J. Porter

Surviving the Applewhites – Stephanie S. Tolan

Tails of the Bronx: A Tale of the Bronx -- Jill Pinkwater

Take Two, They're Small – Elizabeth Levy

Trouble's Child – Mildred Pitts Walter

JUSTICE

The Bracelet – Yoshiko Uchida and Joanna Yardley

Chief Joseph, War Chief of the Nez Perce -- Russell G. Davis

Crispin: The Cross of Lead -- Avi

The Declaration of Independence: The Words that Made America -- Sam Fink

The Journal of Ben Uchida, Citizen 13559, Mirror Lake Internment Camp -- Barry Denenberg

Juneteenth: A Celebration of Freedom -- Charles A. Taylor

Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor -- Russell Freedman

La Causa: The Migrant Farmworker's Story -- Richard Larios

Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Fighters -- Andrea Davis Pinkey

Money Hungry -- Sharon Flake

Pink and Say -- Patricia Polacco

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry -- Mildred D. Taylor

They Shall Be Heard: Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cody Stanton -- Kate Connell

and Alex Haley, eds.

A Voice of Her Own: The Story of Phyllis Wheatly, Slave Poet -- Cambridge: Candlewick Press

We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the U.S. -- David Catrow

We Want Jobs! A Story of the Great Depression -- Jan N. Jones

Witness -- Karen Hesse

When Justice Failed: The Fred Korematsu Story -- Steven A. Chin

COURAGE

Abel's Island -- William Steig

Book of Flight -- Judith E. Rinard

Caddie Woodlawn -- Carol Ryrie Brink

Call It Courage -- Armstrong Sperry

The Children's Book of Heroes -- William Bennett, ed.

The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Fall of Troy -- Patraic Colum

Days of Courage: The Little Rock Story -- Richard Kelso

Door in the Wall -- Marguerite DeAngeli

Esperanza Rising -- Pam Munoz Ryan

Glorious Days, Dreadful Days: The Battle of Bunker Hill -- Philippa Kirby

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Goodbye Vietnam -- Gloria Whalen
Hatchet -- Gary Paulsen
Jesse Owens: Olympic Star -- Patricia and Frederick McKissack
Julie of the Wolves -- Jean Craighead George
The Last Princess: The Story of Princess Ka'iulani of Hawai'i -- Fay Stanley
Loser -- Jerry Spinelli
New York's Bravest -- Mary Pope Osborne
Saint Maximilian Kolbe: Mary's Knight -- Patricia Kelly
The School Story -- Brian Selznick
Seven Brave Women -- Betsy Hearne
A Single Shard -- Linda Sue Park
These Lands are Ours: Tecumseh's Fight for the Old Northwest -- Austin:Raintree
Whitney Rids the Whale with Jonah and Learns She Can't Run Away -- Therese Johnson Bochard

RECONCILIATION

Amelia Bedelia -- Peggy Parish
Blubber -- Judy Blume
Because of Winn-Dixie -- Kate Dicamillo
Best Enemies Again -- Kathleen Leverich
Daddy Says -- Ntozake Shange
Days of Jubilee: The End of Slavery in the United States -- Patricia and Fredrick McKissack
Every Living Thing -- Cynthia Rylant
The Facts and Fiction of Minna Pratt -- Patricia MacLachlan
Gavriel and Jemal: Two Boys of Jerusalem -- Bert Ashabranner
Harriet the Spy -- Louise Fitzhugh
Holes -- Louis Sachar
Hoot -- Carl Hiassen
It Takes Courage -- Christine L. Schmitt
Keeper of the Doves -- Betsy Byars
The Life and Words of Martin Luther King, Jr. -- Ira Peck
19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East -- Naomi Shihab Nye
Patrol: An American Soldier in Vietnam -- Walter Dean Myers
Talking About Stepfamilies -- Maxine B. Rosenberg
There's a Girl in my Hammerlock -- Jerry Spinelli
When Pirates Came to Brooklyn -- Phyllis Shalant

SERVICE

Building a New Land: African Americans in Colonial America -- James Haskins and
Kathleen Benson
Charlotte's Web -- E.B. White and Garth Williams
A Day's Work -- Eve Bunting
Dear America: My Secret War: The World War II Diary of Madeline Beck--Mary Pope Osborne

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Fathers Are Forever: Quotations Honoring the Wisest Men We Know -- Criswell Freeman
George Washington: The Man Who Would Not be King -- Stephen Krensky
Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women -- Catherine Thimmesh
How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning -- Rosalyn Schanzer
Inventing the Future: A photobiography of Thomas Alva Edison -- Marfe Ferguson Delano
Laura Bush: America's First Lady -- Beatrice Gormley
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe -- C.S. Lewis
Model T: How Henry Ford Built a Legend -- David Weitzman
Never Turn Back: Father Serra's Missions -- George Guzzi
One More Valley, One More Hill: The Story of Aunt Clara Brown -- Linda Lowery
President George W. Bush: Our Forty-third President -- Beatrice Gormley
Shoeshine Girl -- Clyde Robert Bulla
S Is for Saints -- Megan Dunsmore
Stuck on the Presidents -- Lara Bergen
Summer Wheels -- Eve bunting
Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen -- Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan
Yankee Doodle Gals: Women Pilots in World War II -- Amy Nathan

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