



# MONROE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

## A WORKING READING LIST FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

### Early Childhood / Preschool to Grade Two

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

#### **FAITH**

America: A Patriotic Primer – Lynne Cheney  
But I Waaant It – Dr. Laura Schlessinger  
The Carrot Seed – Ruth Krauss  
The Christmas Humbugs – Colleen Monroe  
Easter – Gail Gibbons, et al.  
God is Here...When Bad Things Happen – Martha, Mary Moss, FSP  
The Hunter and the Animals: A Wordless Picture Book – Tomie de Paola  
I Learn About Jesus – Mary Elizabeth Tebo, FSP  
I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting off a Little Self-Esteem – Jamie Lee Curtis  
Impatient Pamela Asks: Why Are My Feet So Huge? – Mary Koski  
It's Great to be Catholic – Susan Heybeer O'Keefe  
The Littlest Angel – Charles Tazewell  
Lizzy's Do's and Don'ts – Jessica Harper  
The Polar Express – Chris Van Allsburg  
The Snowy Day – Jack Keats  
A Spiritual Alphabet Book – Holly Bea  
The Story of the Pilgrims – Katharine Ross  
St. Patrick's Day. – Gail Gibbons  
A Walk Through Our Church – Gertrud Mueller Nelson, et al  
What You Will See in a Catholic Church – Michael Keane  
Where Does God Live? – Holly Bea  
Winnie the Pooh, Friendship Day – Nancy Parent

#### **HOPE**

A Is for America: An American Alphabet – Devin Scillian  
Amelia and Eleanor Go For a Ride: Based on a True Story – Pam Munoz Ryan  
Angelina Ballerina – Katherine Holabird  
Caterpillar's Wish – Mary Murphy  
Corduroy – Don Freeman  
Cosmos Zooms – Arthur Howard, et al  
The Delany Sisters Reach High – Amy Hill Hearth  
The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins – Barbara Kerley

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### HOPE (con't)

Everything on a Waffle – Polly Horvath  
Jessica's X-Ray – Pat Zonta  
The Little House – Virginia Lee Burton  
A Little Prairie House – Laura Ingalls  
The Lord's Prayer – Lois Rock  
Martin's Big Words – Doreen Rappoport  
The Missing Piece – Ahel Silverstein  
Painted Chest – Judith Christine Mills  
Sleepy Angel's First Bedtime Story – Tara Malanga and Susan Heyboer O'Keefe  
St. Francis in San Francisco – Jack Wintz, O.F.M.  
The Story of Ferdinand – Munro Leaf  
A Terrible Thing Happened: A Story for Children Who Have Witnessed Violence or Trauma – Margaret M. Holmes

### LOVE

Duckling Days – Karen Wallace  
Giraffes Can't Dance – Giles Andreae  
Goldilocks and the Three Bears – Cheyenne Cisco  
Good Job, Little Bear – Martin Waddell  
Jumbo's Lullaby – Laura Krauss Melmed  
Leo the Lop – Stephen Cosgrove  
The Lion and the Mouse – Cheyenne Cisco  
Little Bunny's Sleepless Night – Carol Roth  
The Little Shepherd – Carol Roth  
Look and See What God Gave Me – Sally Anne Conan  
Love Is – Wendy Anderson Halperin, et al  
Love You Forever – Robert Munsch  
Love You Until – Lisa McCourt  
Make Way for Ducklings – Robert McCloskey  
Me, Myself and I – Fernando Diaz, et al  
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel – Virginia Lee Burton Boston  
My Monster Mama Loves Me So – Laura Leuck  
Puppy Love – Christine Simpson  
Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born – Jamie Lee Curtis  
The Velveteen Rabbit – Margery Williams Bianco  
Violets and Vegetables – Anne Miranda

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What Bear Cubs Like to Do – Deborah Eton  
You Are My Love – Maryann E. Cusimano  
You are Special – Max Lucado

### **COMMUNITY**

Around the Neighborhood – Carter Diaz, et al  
Arthur Babysits – Marc Brown  
At Space Camp – Suzanne Martinucci  
Babe, the Gallant Pig – Dick King-Smith  
Boundless Grace – Mary Hoffman  
The Brand New Kid – Katie Couric  
A Chair for My Mother – Vera B. Williams  
Families, Families – John Diaz, et al  
Feathers and Fools – Mem Fox  
It's My Birthday, Too! – Lynne Jonell  
Jake Johnson: The Story of a Mule – Tres Seymour  
The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear – Don and Audrey Wood  
Madeline – Ludwig Bernelmans  
Maria's Secret – June Toretta-Funentes  
Millions of Cats – Wanda Gag  
Moonlight Miracle – Tony Magliano  
Mother Goose Around the World – Gerner Fehlau, et al  
Red Light, Green Light, Mama and Me – Cari Best  
The Story of Babar – Jean de Brunhoff  
A Tale from Paleface Creek – Robert F. Mormeau  
Wait for Me – Bonita Ferraro  
We Share Everything – Robert Munsch  
What if the Zebras Lost their Stripes? – John Reitano

### **JUSTICE**

Angel Child, Dragon Child – Michele Maria Surat  
The Ant Bully – John Nickle, et al  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl  
A Coat of Cats – Jeri Kroll

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Election Day – Patricia J. Murphy  
Extraordinary Girls – Maya Ajmera  
Freedom Summer – Debbie Wiles  
From Sea to Shining Sea: A Treasury of American Folklore and Folk Songs – Amy Cohn, ed.  
Goin' Someplace Special – Patricia McKissack  
Hurry Up, Harry – Kathleen Szaj  
The Lorax – Dr. Seuss  
The Meanest Thing to Say – Bill Cosby  
Peace Begins with You – Katherine Scholes  
A Picture Book of Anne Frank – David Adler and Karen Ritzill  
The Pokey Little Puppy – Janette Sebring Lowrey  
Singing with Momma Lou – Linda Jacobs Altman  
Sniffle – Stephen Cosgrove  
Somewhere Today a Book of Peace – Shelley Moor Thomas  
The Supreme Court – Quirir Patricia Ryon  
Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen – Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan  
We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States – David Catrow  
When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson – Pam Munoz Ryan

### **COURAGE**

Arthur and the Sword – Thomas Malory  
Arthur Lost and Found – Marc Brown  
Brave Irene – William Steig  
Cabbage Rose – M.C. Helldorfer  
Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of John J. Harvey – Naira Kalman  
A Girl Named Helen Keller – Margo Lundell  
The Hallo-Wiener – Dav Pilkey  
Herb, the Vegetarian Dragon – Jules Bass  
The Little Engine That Could – Watty Piper  
Monster Moments – Daniel J. Porter  
New York's Bravest – Mary Pope Osborne  
Quiet, Wyatt! – Bill Maynard  
The Reluctant Dragon – Kenneth Grahame  
The Saggy Baggy Elephant – Kathryn and Byron Jackson  
Sometimes You Just Have to Tell Somebody – Ruth V. Cullen  
St. Patrick's Day in the Morning – Eve Bunting

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The Story About Ping – Marjorie Flack  
The Three Little Pigs – David Wisner  
What Does Sam Sell? – Bonita Ferraro  
Where the Wild Things are – Maurice Sendak

### **RECONCILIATION**

Arthur and the True Francine – Marc Brown  
Because of Winn Dixie – Kate Di Camillo  
Beyond the Ridge – Paul Goble, et al  
Franklin's Secret Club – Paulette Bourgeois & Sharon Jennings  
Gina's Saturday Adventure – Rosario De Bello, O.P.  
The Grouchy Ladybug – Eric Carle  
The Hating Book – Charlotte Zolotow  
I Hate Goodbyes – Kathleen Szaj  
It's Mine – Leon Lionni, et al  
King of the Playground – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Let's Be Enemies – Janice May Udry  
Leonard the Llama That Lied – Susan Cameron  
Messy Moose – Lois Bick  
No, David – David Shannon  
The Paper Bag Princess – Robert Munsch  
The Quarreling Book – Charlotte Zolotow  
Spinky Sulks – William Steig  
The Tale of Peter Rabbit – Beatrix Potter  
Three Wishes – Lucille Clifton  
Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century – Marilyn Sadler

### **SERVICE**

Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair – Patricia Polacco  
The Bicycle Man – Allen Say  
Blaze and Thunderbolt – C.W. Anderson, et al  
Bob's Big Story Collection – Annie Auerbach  
The Clown of God – Tomie dePaola  
Curious George – H.S. Ray  
Dr. DeSoto – William Steig  
The Emperor and the Kite – Jane Yolen

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Farmer Brown Goes Round and Round – Teri Sloat  
The Giving Tree – Shel Silverstein  
A Hippo in June’s Tub – Deborah Eaton  
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie – Laura Numeroff  
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle – Betty McDonald  
The Other Wise Man – Henry van Dyke  
The Quiltmaker’s Gift – Jeff Brumbeau  
The Rainbow Fish – Marcus Pfister  
Strega Nona Meets Her Match – Tomie dePaolo  
A Symphony of Whales – Peter Sylvada  
Too Small Jill – Myka-Lynne Sokoloff  
The Trash Can Band – Lois Bick  
Zack Can Fix It – Meish Goldish

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