

THE CALDECOTT CHALLENGE

for **2nd grade Students** at Daly



Dear Parent(s),

Your child is invited to participate in a program that encourages lots of reading at home throughout the year! **The Caldecott Medal** is an award given each year to the most distinguished picture book in America. Your child has started learning about and the Caldecott Medal in library and listening to Caldecott winning stories. Now, he/she is being challenged to read as many books as possible from the attached list. (Please note that the list includes Gold-medal winning books only, not silver or "Honor" books). Every child can participate! There are many titles on the list to choose from and your child does not have to read them all! We are simply encouraging our 2nd graders to read as many as they can! This is also a great opportunity for family time - enjoying and discussing quality picture books together!

Where to get the books? Your child can choose a Caldecott book from the school library each week (or even daily! (One book at a time). Please, be sure to also take your child to the Port Washington Public Library to borrow Caldecott books. The librarians in the children's room are supportive of this project and usually put the books on display for us. Additionally, you may have some of these award-winning books at home!

As your child reads more books on the list, he/she has the opportunity to win small incentives as outlined below. On the next page, you will find parent sign-off slips. As goals are met, please sign, cut off the strips, and have your child return them to the library! As an added incentive, all children who hand in 5 slips by May 31, 2025, will become part of the "Caldecott Club!" All club members will be invited to the library to receive a certificate, take part in a fun Caldecott trivia game, and get their (group) picture taken with the principal.

Read any 10 books on the list = receive a bracelet & 1st charm

Read 20 books = receive 2nd charm

Read 30 books = receive 3rd charm

Read 40 books = receive 4th charm

Read 50 books = receive 5th charm

Read 60 books = receive 6th charm

Read 70 books or more = receive 7th charm + bonus trophy charm

(Reading 50 books qualifies for The Caldecott Club!)

Again, each child can participate on a level that is appropriate and comfortable for him/her. It is certainly NOT a race to finish quickly. Instead, the goal is for children to take their time and appreciate the stories and beautiful illustrations!

Books can be read in any order! Please note that the title for 2008, The Invention of Hugo Cabret, is a very long (illustrated) chapter book. Although some students will welcome the challenge, it is intended for an older audience so you may want to skip this one (as well as some of the real oldies)..

Thank you for encouraging your child to participate in this worthwhile program and for helping to foster a love of reading!

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Pinto,
Library Media Specialist

Caldecott Gold-Medal Winners (1938-2020)

Year	Title and Illustrator/Author	Check
2025	Chooch Helped illustrated by Rebecca Lee Kunz ; written by Andrea L. Rogers	
2024	Big , illustrations and text by Vashti Harrison	
2023	Hotdog , illustrations & text by Doug Salati	
2022	Watercress , illustrations by Jason Chin , text by Andrea Wang	
2021	We Are Water Protectors , illustrations & text by Carole Lindstrom	
2020	The Undefeated , illustrations & text by Kwame Alexander	
2019	Hello Lighthouse , illustrations & text by Sophie Blackall	
2018	Wolf in the Snow illustrations & text by Mathew Cordell	
2017	Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat illustrations & text by Javaka Steptoe	
2016	Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear , illustrated by Sophie Blackall , text by Lindsay Mattick	
2015	The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend , illustrations & text by Dan Santat	
2014	Locomotive , illustrations & text by Brian Floca	
2013	This is Not My Hat , illustrations & text by Jon Klassen	
2012	A Ball for Daisy , illustrations & text by Chris Raschka	
2011	A Sick Day for Amos McGee , illustrated by Erin E. Stead , text by Philip C. Stead	
2010	The Lion and The Mouse , illustrations & text by Jerry Pinkney	
2009	The House in the Night , illustrated by Beth Krommes , text by Susan Marie Swanson	
2008	The Invention of Hugo Cabret , illustrations & text by Brian Selznick <i>(Longer chapter book! You can skip this)</i>	
2007	Flotsam , illustrations & text by David Wiesner	
2006	The Hello, Goodbye Window , illustrated by Chris Raschka , text by Norton Juster	
2005	Kitten's First Full Moon , illustrations & text by Kevin Henkes	
2004	The Man Who Walked Between The Towers , illustrations & text by Mordicai Gerstein	
2003	My Friend Rabbit , illustrations & text by Eric Rohmann	
2002	The Three Pigs , illustrations & text by David Wiesner	
2001	So You Want to Be President? , illustrations & text by David Small	
2000	Joseph Had a Little Overcoat , illustrations & text by Simms Taback	
1999	Snowflake Bentley , illustrated by Mary Azarian , text by Jacqueline Briggs Martin	
1998	Rapunzel , illustrations & text by Paul O. Zelinsky	
1997	Golem , illustrations & text by David Wisniewski	
1996	Officer Buckle and Gloria , illustrations & text by Peggy Rathmann	
1995	Smoky Night , illustrated by David Diaz , text by Eve Bunting	
1994	Grandfather's Journey , illustrated by Allen Say , text edited by Walter Lorraine	
1993	Mirette on the High Wire , illustrations & text by Emily Arnold McCully	
1992	Tuesday , illustrations & text by David Wiesner	
1991	Black and White , illustrations & text by David Macaulay	

1990	Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China , illustrations & text by Ed Young	
1989	Song and Dance Man , illustrated by Stephen Gammell , text by Karen Ackerman	
1988	Owl Moon , illustrated by John Schoenherr , text by Jane Yolen	
1987	Hey, Al , illustrated by Richard Egielski , text by Arthur Yorinks	
1986	The Polar Express , illustrations & text by Chris Van Allsburg	
1985	Saint George and the Dragon , illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman , text retold by Margaret Hodges	
1984	The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Bleriot , illustrations & text by Alice & Martin Provensen	
1983	Shadow , illustrations & text by Marcia Brown original text in French by Blaise Cendrars	
1982	Jumanji , illustrations & text by Chris Van Allsburg	
1981	Fables , illustrations & text by Arnold Lobel	
1980	Ox-Cart Man , illustrated by Barbara Cooney , text by Donald Hall	
1979	The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses , illustrations & text by Paul Goble	
1978	Noah's Ark , illustrations & text by Peter Spier	
1977	Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions , illustrated by Leo & Diane Dillon , text by Margaret Musgrove	
1976	Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears , illustrated by Leo & Diane Dillon , text retold by Verna Aardema	
1975	Arrow to the Sun , illustrations & text by Gerald McDermott	
1974	Duffy and the Devil , illustrated by Margot Zemach , text retold by Harve Zemach	
1973	The Funny Little Woman , illustrated by Blair Lent , text retold by Arlene Mosel	
1972	One Fine Day , illustrations & text retold by Nonny Hogrogian	
1971	A Story A Story , illustrations & text retold by Gail E. Haley	
1970	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble , illustrations & text retold by William Steig	
1969	The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship , illustrated by Uri Shulevitz , text retold by Arthur Ransome	
1968	Drummer Hoff , illustrated by Ed Emberley text adapted by Barbara Emberley	
1967	Sam, Bangs & Moonshine , illustrations & text by Evaline Ness	
1966	Always Room for One More , illustrated by Nonny Hogrogian text adapted by Sorché Nic Leodhas	
1965	May I Bring a Friend? , illustrated by Gerald McDermott , text by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers	
1964	Where the Wild Things Are , illustrations & text by Maurice Sendak	
1963	The Snowy Day , illustrations & text retold by Ezra Jack Keats	
1962	Once a Mouse , illustrations & text by Marcia Brown	
1961	Baboushka and the Three Kings , illustrated by Nicolas Sidjakov text by Ruth Robbins	
1960	Nine Days to Christmas , illustrated by Marie Hall Ets text by Marie Hall Ets & Aurora Labastida	
1959	Chanticleer and the Fox , illustrated & text adapted by Barbara Cooney	
1958	Time of Wonder , illustrations & text by Robert McCloskey	
1957	A Tree Is Nice , illustrated by Marc Simont text by Janice Udry	
1956	Frog Went A-Courtin' , illustrated by Feodor Rojankovsky text retold by John Langstaff	
1955	Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper , illustrated & text translated by Marcia Brown	
1954	Madeline's Rescue , illustrations & text by Ludwig Bemelmans	
1953	The Biggest Bear , illustrations & text by Lynd Ward	

1952	Finders Keepers , illustrated by Nicholas Mordvinoff text by William Lipkind	
1951	The Egg Tree , illustrations & text by Katherine Milhous	
1950	Song of the Swallows , illustrations & text by Leo Politi	
1949	The Big Snow , illustrations & text by Berta & Elmer Hader	
1948	White Snow, Bright Snow , illustrated by Roger Duvoisin text retold by Alvin Tresselt	
1947	The Little Island , illustrated by Leonard Weisgard text retold by Golden MacDonald	
1946	The Rooster Crows , illustrations & text by Maude & Miska Petersham	
1945	Prayer for a Child , illustrated by Elizabeth Orton Jones text by Rachel Field	
1944	Many Moons , illustrated by Louis Slobodkin text by James Thurber	
1943	The Little House , illustrations & text by Virginia Lee Burton	
1942	Make Way for Ducklings , illustrations & text by Robert McCloskey	
1941	They Were Strong and Good , illustrations & text by Robert Lawson	
1940	Abraham Lincoln , illustrations & text by Ingri & Edgar Parin d' Aulaire	
1939	Mei Li , Illustrations and text by Thomas Handforth	
1938	Animals of the Bible. A Picture Book illustrated by Dorothy P. Lathrop & text selected by Helen Dean Fish	