

ELA 8

Summer Reading Assignment: One Book, One Community

Ms. Cutean

Future 8th Graders,

Your assignment is to read the book **A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle over the course of the summer. By the end of the summer, I expect you to return to school prepared to take an assessment on this novel and ready to participate in activities and discussions centered around our one book, one community text. There are 73 days of summer vacation -- you have plenty of time to read thoughtfully & return to school ready to learn.

Why? Studies show students can lose two or months of learning over the summer. By simply reading over the summer, you can stop some of this loss. In 8th grade, you will be expected to hold yourself to high academic standards throughout the entire school year. The work begins now.

How? Students are responsible for acquiring a copy of *A Wrinkle in Time* on their own. The public library is a fantastic -- totally free -- resource for finding books to borrow & read. Students should return to school in the fall prepared to discuss the text and students will be expected to show what they know about *A Wrinkle in Time*. Please note: **Students will be assessed on their knowledge of the text summatively.** This could be in the form of a project, short essay, presentation, or exam.

What if I don't do it? This assignment and its accompanying assessment will be part of your grade for the first quarter. If you choose not to do it over summer, you will be put on a probationary academic action plan. **It is an expectation that 8th grade language arts students will complete this assignment by the time school begins.**

As you complete your summer reading, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at cuteanj@dearbornschools.org.

I hope you have a fantastic summer & I look forward to learning with you in the fall!

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