

# Summer Reading Requirements

## Grade Eight

St. Andrew the Apostle School

2018-2019

### Required Reading:

1. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

All eighth grade students are required to read *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. This sophisticated and classic novel, 1963 Newbery Award winner, still has the power to mesmerize and inspire a profound sense of mystery and curiosity. Students are strongly encouraged to annotate their texts, to read out loud whenever possible, and to reference a dictionary when needed. **Each student should bring his/her own copy of *A Wrinkle in Time* to school in August.**

2. *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

All eighth grade students are also required to read *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead. Winner of the 2010 Newbery Medal, *When You Reach Me* is a coming-of-age mystery that crosses genres into science-fiction. The main character's favorite book happens to be *A Wrinkle in Time* and readers will understand the significance of this. Students are strongly encouraged to annotate their texts and to reference a dictionary when needed. **Each student should bring his/her own copy of *When You Reach Me* to school in August.**

3. One Newbery Medal or Honor Book

The American Library Association's website lists every title to receive a Newbery Award or Newbery Honor (runner-up) since 1922. This award recognizes the most distinguished American children's book published each year and represents outstanding literature and exemplary writing. Using this site, please select one book for additional summer reading and complete the following assignment based on your reading.

### Required Writing Assignment:

Write a thorough description of your chosen Newbery book addressing and specifying each of the following elements: plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution), characters, setting, and conflict. Describe your reaction to the book and present a strong introduction and conclusion. Organize your essay into coherent paragraphs and type it, using MLA formatting. This assignment will receive a Literature test grade and is due on the first day of school.

