Dear 7th grader,

This summer you will be reading the book *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. I think you will all enjoy this adventure story that takes place across space and time. You are welcome to **neatly** hand-write your responses or type them. See the page below for your assignment instructions- please read the questions and instructions carefully! Feel free to email me at ahardy@stb-school.org if you have any questions!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Hardy

Reading Journal Assignment

Directions: As you read, please keep a reading journal and respond to the following prompts.

Each entry should be 1-2 paragraphs in length.

Entry 1 (chapters 1 & 2): Meet the Murrys

- Describe Meg, Charles Wallace and Mrs. Whatsit
- Identify each character's strengths and what challenges they face.
- Who is the character you find the most interesting? Why?

Entry 2 (chapters 3-5): Journey through time and space

- What is a "tesseract" (in your own words)?
- Why is it important to the story?

Entry 3 (chapters 3-10): Light vs Darkness

- Identify one example of good and one example of evil in the novel.
- How do characters respond to each?
- What message do you think the author is sending?

Entry 4 (any chapter): Courage and Growth

- Choose a moment when Meg faces a challenge- what is that challenge?
- What does she learn?
- How does she change throughout the story?

Final Entry: Theme analysis - When you finish the book, you will be selecting evidence and reflecting on a theme from the novel. Please do your best on this last section since we will be using this to write a final draft during the first couple weeks of school!

Pick one of the following themes:

- The power of love
- Individuality vs. conformity
- Courage in the face of fear
- The battle between good and evil

Step 1: Write down THREE specific examples from the text that connect to that theme (include quotes and page numbers).

Step 2: In 1-2 paragraphs, reflect on:

- what the author is saying about that theme in the book AND
- how that theme from the book connects to life today