

Persuasive Essay

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After reading three books written by Madeleine L'Engle, I would highly recommend that she be an author whose work should be read by the fourth grade Center students. She has written 61 popular works including many that have been the favorites of children for generations. Two of these books, A Wrinkle in Time, and A Ring of Endless Light, won the Newberry Medal in 1963 and 1981, respectively.

Madeleine L'Engle's books for children feature positive themes such as the importance of family values, love, faith, and the triumph of good over evil. For example, in A Wrinkle in Time, the main characters break the power of the evil dark entity through the power of love. These moral themes are a reflection of Ms. L'Engle's strong personal interest in religion, and will help provide guidance and comfort to fourth grade Center students.

The subject matter of Ms. L'Engle's books is guaranteed to excite young minds. For example, her personal interest in quantum physics and the space-time continuum led her to explore time travel in several books, including A Wrinkle in Time, A Swiftly Tilting Planet, and Many Waters. The plots are always exciting, and usually involve the fate of worlds or the universe hanging in the balance between the children on the one hand, and dark forces on the other. These plots will make the students want to keep reading.

The perspective from which the books are written will also attract young readers. Her main characters are children who tend to be somewhat isolated and sometimes are not popular and don't fit in socially. In Meet the Austins, one of the main characters, Maggy, loses her father and causes a lot of trouble because she feels sad and deprived of loving parents. The students will find these characters' struggles and ultimate successes easy to relate to.

Students can also learn a lot about good writing habits and writing strategies from reading Madeleine L'Engle's books. Her great output of work, including short stories, books, lectures, and plays shows that she had an extremely disciplined approach to writing. This will help to encourage students to be persistent in their writing habits. It is also clear that Madeleine L'Engle cares passionately about the things she is writing about. She addresses big ideas, such as the difference between good and evil, the nature of the universe and our place in it, life and death, and the moral choices we all have to make. This example will help to encourage the students to write about the things that are important to them. Finally, L'Engle writes about characters and events that arise either from her own personal experience or from her extensive research. This is an important writing strategy that students need to learn: write about what you know.

In conclusion, Madeleine L'Engle would definitely be a great author to use in the fourth grade Center program. Her themes, plots, characters, and the lessons her writing teaches will be both interesting and informative for the students.