**4th Grade Language Arts 3rd Quarter Project**

Objective: Students will write a non-fiction essay with the intention of informing the reader.

Parameters: Each essay should include information about the chosen topic. It should be written in an informative way, without any elements of story-telling or fantasy. The essay should be **at least** five paragraphs, including introductory and concluding paragraphs. The essay should be typed out, with a proper St. Michael’s Header. It must be written in 12-pt, Times New Roman font.

In addition to a physical copy, the digital copy should be shared with Mr. Maranski via Google Docs in order to ensure the proper format.

Topics could be animals, events, items, sports, inventions, etc… Topics must be approved by Mr. Maranski and must be school appropriate. However, the following topics can NOT be used:

* Fantasy animals (for example, unicorns)
* Living people (no celebrities, political figures, or sports figures)
* Anything political

Be sure to choose a topic that is not too general, where you would need multiple pages to properly write an informative essay, or too specific, where you don’t have enough information to fill six paragraphs.

Rubrics: Projects will be graded as follows:

* Grammar and punctuation: 40%
* Content accuracy and completeness: 30%
* Spelling: 30%

Due Date: March 16, 2018.