**5th Grade Language Arts 3rd Quarter Project**

Objective: Students will write a formal letter, with all of the proper formatting, which will make a persuasive argument.

Format: The letter must be written in a formal style, with proper heading, salutation, body, closing, and signature. The letter **must** be typed with the following font information: Times New Roman, size 12. The letter may be double-spaced. All other page layout must be standard, with no adjustment of margins or paragraph alignment. To ensure requirements, **the project MUST be shared with Mr. Maranski over Google docs in addition to being printed out and handed as a letter.**

The letter should include in its body a persuasive argument that should include:

* An introduction (where the student’s position is stated).
* Three supporting arguments.
* One counter argument (state an opposing argument and say why it is wrong).
* A conclusion (sum up the letter).

Each item should be one full paragraph, for a total of **six**.

The person the letter addresses should be:

Mr. Louis Maranski

St. Michael’s School

7401 St. Michael’s Ln.

Annandale, VA 22003

The letter **must** be signed, and the information underneath the printed name should be:

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Rubrics: Grading for this project will be divided as follows:

* Letter format: 40%
* Proper grammar: 30%
* Proper spelling: 20%
* Effectiveness of the argument: 10%

Due Date: March 16, 2018.