**5th Grade Reading and Language Arts 1st Quarter Project**

Objective: Students will write a character study based on a character of their choosing (does not have to be the main character) from a fiction book of their choosing.

Parameters: The character must be from a fictional story. No non-fiction books, comic books, or biographies are allowed. Some graphic novels, such as *Big Nate*, *Sisters*, or *Diary of a Wimpy Kid,* are acceptable. If a graphic novel is chosen, it must first be approved by me.

The project should be at **least** six paragraphs long. It should include the St. Michael’s School header, dated for October 20th. It must include **all** of the following:

1. A physical description
2. Age (or at least a general idea if unknown)
3. Personality (are they kind, mean, funny, thoughtful, lazy, etc…?)

Additionally, the project should include **three** of the following five topics/questions:

1. How your character treats others around him or her.
2. How your character handles problems or obstacles.
3. Whether you think your characters is a good role model, and why?
4. Whether you think you could be friends with your character, and why?
5. How your character responds to criticism.

Use examples from the book to support your findings whenever possible. Artwork and decorations are allowed, but not required. The final report should be neatly handwritten on regular sized paper. Cursive is preferred, but not required.

Grading: There will be two separate grades for this project, one for Reading and one for Language Arts. The Reading grade will be based on comprehension of the text, analysis of the chosen character, ability to use context clues to answer the questions, and whether or not all of the required topics are fulfilled.

The Language Arts grade will be based on spelling, grammar (proper sentence structure), handwriting neatness, paragraph construction, proper capitalizations, and overall readability.

**Due date: Friday, October 20, 2017.**