**Diocese of Allentown Writing Prompt**

**Descriptive Writing;  Third Grade**

**Sent January 23, 2018; Due February 28, 2018**

**Results are due on the Google Form** <https://goo.gl/forms/lg3EV0VBQy1FIuDY2>

 ***The writing assessment is kept in the students’ writing folder.***

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**Second Trimester Writing Prompt**

***Teachers****: The students will have 3 class periods for students to plan, write, and proofread their response to this writing prompt. Please allow students additional time if needed to complete the prompt. Choose a topic from a reading text and write one well-constructed descriptive paragraph. Teacher is looking to see growth in student writing from trimester one.*

**Students: Writing Prompt**

1. One of the coolest parts of science is astronomy, the study of stars, planets, galaxies and more. Imagine that you and your classmates are out on an astronomy field trip, looking at the stars. Something amazing happens. Describe, in detail, exactly what happens and your reaction to it.

**Plan**

*Before you write:*

Read the prompt carefully so you understand exactly what you are being asked to do.

Think about the topic and your audience.

Use an appropriate graphic organizer to organize your thoughts.

**Write**

*As you write:*

Refer to your graphic organizer to keep your thoughts organized.

Write a clear, interesting topic sentence that grabs the reader’s attention.

Support your topic sentence with at least 3 character traits and supporting details for each trait.

Write a good conclusion.

Be sure to include interesting descriptive words and varied sentences.

Use proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

**Proofread**

*After you write:*

Read your paragraph.

    Do your sentences make sense?

    Will the reader be able to understand what you are communicating?

    Are your spelling, grammar, and punctuation correct?

    **Did you check the rubric for expectations?**

Graphic organizer, rubric etc. is on [www.adeducators.org](http://www.adeducators.org) , curriculum, ELA, **General Writing Prompt Information.**