**Diocese of Allentown Writing Prompt**

**Summary;  Fourth Grade**

**Sent September 27, 2017; Due November 3, 2017**

**First 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 non-fiction topic from science, social studies, or reading text and write one well-constructed descriptive paragraph.*

**Students: Writing Prompt**

* Use a graphic organizer provided by your teacher.
* Write a well-developed paragraph describing the topic.
* Make sure to include *only the most important ideas*.
* Remember to include a topic sentence that grabs the reader’s attention and add strong supporting details and a well-written closing sentence.

**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?**