**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Midterm Review Date**: Wednesday February 18th 2015

**Midterm Date**: Thursday February 19th 2015 (all class)

The midterm exam for Grade 8 English Language Arts will cover material from the first half of the year. For the exam, make sure you are prepared with proper writing materials (two pens or two sharpened pencils plus an eraser).

Midterm Topics:

1. **Grammar**
* **Punctuation**

-Know how to use capitals, periods, question marks, exclamation points, commas, apostrophes, colons, semicolons, and quotation marks.

* **Tricky Words**

-Know the difference between their / there / they’re, too / two / to, etc.

* **Components of Speech**

-Know the difference between nouns, proper nouns, adjectives, and verbs.

* **Editing**

- You will be asked to do some editing of a passage full of mistakes on your exam. Make sure you know how to properly identify and fix errors.

1. **Paragraph Writing**
* **Components of a Paragraph**

-Know what the following are: topic sentence, supporting details, and a concluding sentence.

* **Writing a Paragraph**

-Be able to write a proper paragraph based on the topics provided to you. Remember this means 5-8 sentences, indented beginning, topic sentence, supporting details that are well explained, and a concluding sentence.

1. **Short Stories**
* **Plot**

-Be familiar with the definition of plot as well the different elements of plot: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution / denouement.

* **Characters**

-Know the difference between a protagonist / antagonist.

* **Conflict**

-Know the definition of conflict and the different types of conflict (internal / external):

Man vs. himself (internal)

Man vs. man (external)

Man vs. nature (external)

Man vs. animal (external)

Man vs. the supernatural (external)

Man vs. Society (external)

Man vs. fate (external)

* **Theme**

-Know the definition of theme.

* **Setting**

-Know the definition of setting.

* **Short Stories in Class**

-Be familiar with the short stories we covered in class and be able to identify different elements from each one (comprehension & short story elements):

The Hockey Sweater – Roch Carrier

The Veldt – Ray Bradbury

Charles – Shirley Jackson

**Midterm Format**

The midterm may be comprised of the following different formats:

* True & False
* Multiple Choice
* Fill in the Blanks
* Short Answer
* Paragraph Responses

**Questions: talk to me in class or email via tfingas@tmsd.mb.ca.**