**WRITING ASSIGNMENT**

This school year we have completed assignments in a variety of writing genres. For our final writing assignment I am going to give you a choice of two; Personal Narrative or Realistic Fiction.

After you choose your writing genre, write a story 3-5 paragraphs long. If you have chosen Personal Narrative you will be writing a story about something that really happened to you. If you have chosen Realistic Fiction you will be writing a FICTIONAL (made up) story about something that could really happen (no talking dogs, flying cars, dragons, etc.).

Personal Narratives should be about something that has happened in the past twelve months. Realistic Fiction should have a main character who is in the Fifth Grade.

PLEASE, remember to PREWRITE! Make a list, a timeline or a word web. If you don’t have a lot of details think of another topic or plot for your story!

Remember your audience (ME)! If you are including dialogue your characters can speak to each other in slang, but that is the only place where that will be acceptable!

Your story is due on Wednesday, May 20! You can begin submitting them on Monday, May 18!

One final note! I am posting a link on my page to a writing contest that Barnes and Noble is currently running. Some of you may want to submit this story (or another story that you have written) to that contest. Please discuss this with your parents as THEY must submit your stories!

Have fun with this assignment, but don’t forget to indent, capitalize, punctuate and check your spelling!