Dear Parents and Students,

The 8th grade will begin the process of writing a research paper. The process will extend throughout the 4th quarter, and will require work to take place both inside and outside of class. The writing process is clearly laid out below with due dates for each step of the process. Instruction on each of the steps of the writing process will be given prior to the due date. The day that work is due is the only day the work will be accepted unless the student is absent; no late credit will be given for any of the checkpoints, but all checkpoints must be finished before moving on to the next step.

**Day 1 Writing Classes**

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| Item | Due Date | Completed |
| Topic | 4/1/11 | /10pts |
| Thesis statement | 4/5/11 | /10pts |
| Notecards and sources | 4/19/11 | /20pts |
| Outline | 4/25/11 | /10pts |
| Rough draft/Self Conference | 5/5/11 | /20pts |
| Partner Conference | 5/9/11 | /10pts |
| Group Conference | 5/13/11 | /10pts |
| Teacher conference (optional) | 5/13/11 |  |
| Bibliography | 5/23/11 | /10pts |
| Final Copy w/ rubric | 5/25/11 | See rubric |

**Day 2 Writing Classes**

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| Item | Due Date | Completed |
| Topic | 4/4/11 | /10pts |
| Thesis statement | 4/6/11 | /10pts |
| Notecards and sources | 4/20/11 | /20pts |
| Outline | 4/26/11 | /10pts |
| Rough draft/Self Conference | 5/6/11 | /20pts |
| Partner Conference | 5/10/11 | /10pts |
| Group Conference | 5/13/11 | /10pts |
| Teacher conference (optional) | 5/13/11 |  |
| Bibliography | 5/24/11 | /10pts |
| Final Copy w/ rubric | 5/25/11 | See rubric |

We’re excited to see what each student chooses as a topic, and to journey with them as they experience the research process!

~Mr. McCann and Mrs. Peterson