**Grade 6 – Principles of Democracy Assignment**

**Group Members:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Democracy is a form of government in which the power resides in the people. The words *justice*, *equity*, *freedom*, and *representation* are all a part of democracy. Democracy is a political system that holds elections and protects the rights and freedoms of the people. In a democracy, the citizens are represented and have a voice in decision-making. People living in a particular society have certain beliefs about how they should behave. ***Democratic principles are really a reflection of the values or beliefs held by the citizens who live in that democracy****.* **Some of these shared values include fairness, respect for differences, equality, the right to vote, peacefulness, compromise, and the inclusion of differing points of view. The values of the people help the government make decisions that affect the people and the country as a whole.**

In groups of two or three, you and your group are going to carefully and thoughtfully choose four relevant principles to make our grade six ‘society’ (classroom community) a democratic place this school year. After you have chosen your four principles, you and your partner will be required to complete the following:

1. Write five well written (5-7 sentences at least) paragraphs which explains and describes:
2. Explain in your own words what the word principle means and why it is important to democracy
3. One paragraph for each principle explaining what the principle is and provide an insightful explanation for each of your four chosen principles. Explain in detail why each principle is important using direct examples
4. **You will be handing in your paragraphs separate from your poster, typed in size 12 font**
5. You and your partner will create an attractive, well organized poster representing your four pillars
6. Your four “pillars” should be demonstrated in a visual form (your choice)
7. On each pillar you will include the principle
8. In point form you will include the key points explaining each principle and why it is important, as well as examples

**Due Date: Friday, September 23, 2016**