

# Sixth Grade

## School-Wide Writing Assignment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ES's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Persuasive Writing Assignment

#### **Pre-Assignment Writing:**

- The school website has the directions for administering this assignment. It also has the scoring rubric, persuasive writing instruction, additional practice prompts, and an optional "mock" practice writing assignment to help prepare the student for this assignment. Go to, <http://www.sscs.cc/curriculum.html>, 2010 Writing Assignment, or talk to your ES.

#### **Directions:**

- In this writing assignment, you will hand write (no typing allowed) a five or more paragraph persuasive essay in response to the writing task below.
- After reading the task, take time to plan on a separate piece of paper using memorized graphic organizers, write your essay (double spaced), then proofread and edit.
- To begin gaining pacing experience, students are to attempt to do all or as much of this writing assignment as possible in one continuous sitting.

#### **Scoring:**

Your writing will be scored on how well you

- state your position on the topic,
- describe the points in support of your position including examples and other evidence,
- address possible arguments against your position,
- use persuasive strategies and vocabulary,
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

#### **Writing Task:**

Read the following writing task. You must write a persuasive essay about this topic.

#### **Writing a Persuasive Essay**

Each of us has somebody in the family, possibly even yourself, who deserves an award. Hopefully, the award can be positive like "The Best Mom," "The Greatest Dad," "The Top Helper," "Best Cook," "The Great Gardener" or the like. Consider who in the family deserves an award. Write a persuasive essay about the award you would give them. Include and address arguments others might have against the award you chose for that person.

When you write your essay, remember,

- to state your position on the topic,
- to describe the points in support of your position,
- to address possible arguments against your position,
- to use persuasive strategies and vocabulary,
- to use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.