

First Grade

School-Wide Writing Assignment

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ ES's Name: _____

Expository Writing Assignment

Pre-Assignment Writing:

- The school website has the directions for administering this assignment, the specific expectations for the assignment, the scoring rubric, expository writing instruction, additional practice prompts, and an optional “mock” practice writing assignment to help prepare the student for this required assignment. To locate these resources, go to http://www.sscs.cc/Handbook/writing_2011/wr_exp_index_11.dwt, or talk to your ES.

Directions:

- In this writing assignment, you will write four expository sentences.

Scoring:

Your writing will be scored on how well you

- write a statement sentence about the topic,
- come up with five main ideas to support your topic,
- select your three best main ideas,
- write three main ideas as complete sentences.

Writing Task:

Writing Expository Sentences

You were given a new toy for your birthday and it has been a lot of fun to play with. Describe three features that you enjoy and like about your toy.

Prepare to Write:

1. Identify the topic or “key word” you are to write about.
2. Brainstorm five features you like about your birthday toy. Ask yourself, “Who,” “What,” “Where,” “When,” “How,” and “Why” to help you think of things about your toy. Your parent will print the features as a list for you.
3. Out of the five features you have listed, choose the three that you like the best.

Write Your Sentences:

4. Starting at the margin, write a sentence about the topic (called a topic sentence).
5. On the next line starting at the margin, write a complete sentence to explain one of the three features you like about your toy.

Here are some ways you might want to write a sentence, "The (*toy*) comes with its own (*explain*). Or, "The (*toy*) has (*explain*) that can (*explain*). "The (*toy*) can have up to (*number*) players."

6. On the next line starting at the margin, write a complete sentence to explain another of the three features you like about your toy.
7. On the next line starting at the margin, write a complete sentence to explain the third of the three features you like about your toy.

When you have finished you should have written four sentences in all: a topic sentence followed by three main idea sentences about the features you like about your toy.