

Third 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. It also has the scoring rubric, expository 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/Handbook/writing_2011/wr_exp_index_11.dwt, or talk to your ES.

Directions:

- In this writing assignment, you will hand write (no typing allowed) an eight sentence, expository paragraph 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

- include a statement sentence about the topic,
- include three main idea sentences in support of the topic statement,
- include at least one detail sentence in support of each main idea,
- conclude with a “wrap-it-up” sentence,
- vary your sentences,
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

Writing Task:

Read the following writing task. You must write an expository paragraph about this topic.

Writing an Expository Paragraph

Think about the best day you ever spent with your family. What were the things that made it your best day? What did you do? Where did you go? Write a paragraph explaining about your best day with the family.

When you write your essay, remember to,

- include a statement sentence about the topic,
- include three main idea sentences in support of the topic statement,
- include at least one detail sentence in support of each main idea,
- conclude with a “wrap-it-up” sentence,
- vary your sentences,
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.