

# Seventh 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](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) a five or more paragraph expository 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

- make a statement about the topic,
- include at least three main idea sentences about your topic,
- include at least two detail sentences in support of each main idea sentence,
- organize your essay using an introduction paragraph, body paragraphs, and a conclusion paragraph,
- vary your sentences,
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

#### Writing Task:

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

#### Writing an Expository Essay

You are serving on a committee that will design a new playground for your community. Think about three features for the new playground that you will suggest to the design committee. Write a report to the committee explaining about the three features you think the new playground should include.

When you write your essay, remember to,

- make a statement about the topic,
- include at least three main idea sentences about your topic,
- include at least two detail sentences in support of each main idea sentence,
- organize your essay using an introduction paragraph, body paragraphs, and a conclusion paragraph,
- vary your sentences,
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.