

Kindergarten 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 three expository sentences.

Scoring:

Your writing will be scored on how well you

- come up with five main ideas to explain about your topic,
- select your best three main ideas,
- dictate complete sentences,
- copy the sentences correctly.

Writing Task:

Writing Expository Sentences

Think about one season of the year. Explain three things about this season.

Preparing to Write:

1. Tell five things about this season. An adult will write down your five main ideas on a numbered list as you dictate them. Ask yourself “Who”, “What”, “Where”, “Why”, “When”, and “How” questions about the season to help you think of things.
2. From this list, choose three out of the five that you feel best describe your season.
3. Think about, then dictate the first main idea back to an adult as one complete sentence. Dictate your complete sentence something similar to, “(Season) is a fun season when (main idea)”. “The trees during (season) are (main idea)”. “Every (season) the weather is (main idea)”.

4. An adult will print your dictated sentence using correct punctuation and spelling.

Write Your Sentences:

5. Beginning at the margin of your lined paper, copy this sentence onto handwriting paper using your best handwriting. (Begin your second and third sentences at the margin as well).
6. Check to see that you have copied correct punctuation and spelling.
7. From your list, choose your next main idea about this season.
8. Follow the same procedure in steps 3-6, and write your second sentence.
9. From your list, choose your third main idea about this season.
10. Follow the same procedure in steps 3-6, and write your third sentence.
11. When you are done, you will have written three complete sentences to explain about your season.