

First Grade

“Mock” Practice Writing Assignment

Date: _____

Student’s Name: _____ ES’s Name: _____

Expository “Mock” Practice Writing Assignment

Pre-“Mock” Practice Assignment Writing:

- The school website has the expository writing directions, rubrics, instruction, practice prompts, and web link resources for you to use to prepare for this optional “mock” practice writing 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 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

Summer, winter, spring, and fall. Every season has its own features that makes it special to you. Choose one of the seasons and explain about its special features.

Prepare to Write:

1. Write your statement about the topic (called the topic sentence). It might look something like, “I always look forward to (*season*)”. Or, “(*Season*) is a special time of year for me.”
2. Brainstorm at least 5 features about the season you have chosen. Your parent will print them on 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 season.

Here are some ways you might want to write a sentence, “Every (*season*) it (feature) and I get to (activity) with my family. Or, “During each (*season*), the (feature) can be seen doing (activity).

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

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 season.