

Third Grade

“Mock” Practice Writing Assignment

Date: _____

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

Expository

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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.scs.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 Essay

Sometimes it is too hot to play outside, and other times it might be too rainy. Think of three fun activities that children can do indoors. Write an essay explaining about these indoor activities and why they are fun to do.

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.