

Kindergarten

School-Wide Writing Assignment

Expository Compare and Contrast 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 compare and contrast 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.skymountaincs.org/handbook/Curriculum/writing_assignments.html, or talk to your ES.

Directions:

- In this writing assignment, you will hand write (no typing allowed) four compare and contrast sentences about the topic 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 complete all of this writing assignment in one continuous sitting.

Scoring:

Your writing will be scored on how well you

- identify the two topics being compared and contrasted
- come up with two things about the two topics that are the same
- come up with two things about the two topics that are different
- dictate and copy or write complete sentences

Writing Task:

Compare and Contrast Sentences

Dogs have things about them that are both similar and different from cats. Write two sentences about how dogs and cats are alike, and two sentences about how they are different.