



Gold Seal Lesson

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Grade Span			ICLE Application Model			
K-4 X	5-8	9-12	A	B	C	D X

Instructional Focus:

Writing – Students write for a variety of purposes and audiences with sophistication and complexity appropriate to the grade level.

Listening – Students listen for a variety of purposes appropriate to the grade level.

Speaking – Students speak for a variety of purposes and audiences with sophistication and complexity appropriate to the grade level.

Performance Task

1. Have class members share and discuss:

At school I'm really good at:

At home I'm really good at:

2. Explain that the students will be writing poems to describe themselves. They are to use the following format. Work through an example with the students.

Line 1: Name

Line 2: Two words to describe "name".

Line 3: Three "ing" words saying what "name" is good at.

Line 4: Four words starting with "s/he" is good at.

Line 5: Name

Example: Dan
 Smart, short
 Talking, joking, fishing
 He is very friendly
 Dan

3. Assist children in composing their poems. Have each student share his/her poem with the class.

ICLE Essential Skills

Follow oral or written directions. (ela 4)

Use writing as a way of expressing personal creativity. (ela 31)

Listen for enjoyment to narratives of personal experiences, stories, drama, performances, lectures and readings. (ela 47)

Respond orally to fellow student's opinions during presentations by asking questions, asking for clarification, agreeing and /or disagreeing courteously. (ela 59)

Scoring Guide:

Ratings: 4 – Excellent, 3 – Good, 2 – Average, 1 – Poor, 0 – Unacceptable

Works well independently. _____

Stayed focused on task. _____

Seeks help appropriately/assumes responsibility for completing task. _____

Structure and content appropriate for grade level. _____

Spelling and punctuation appropriate for grade level. _____

Keywords

English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Reading	Algebra	Earth Science
Writing Careers Creative Writing Spelling	Geometry	Life Science
Communications Discussion Listening Performance Communication	Statistics	Chemistry
Literature	Calculus	Physics
Other	Trigonometry	Other
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