



Gold Seal:

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

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.

Reading – Students read a variety of grade level materials, applying strategies appropriate to various situations.

Performance Task

Through the use of computer research skills, students will trace developments in their state or community history and describe their impact on the lives of people today.

1. Students will work in groups to create a newspaper from a specified time period in the history of their community or state. Students will write news articles based on research. The 5 – 6 page newspaper will include illustrations and photos.
2. From examples of old newspapers, students will write news articles based on today’s world and tell how it would be a different experience from 40 – 50 years ago.
3. Care should be taken to create student groups with a diversity of skills including research, analysis, and writing that will be used to create each newspaper. Students should choose an editor to lead the project and assign other students to staff positions.

ICLE Essential Skills

Apply in writing the rules and conventions of grammar, usage, punctuation, paragraphing and spelling. (ela 1)
Give oral or written directions that are clear and are understood by another person. (ela 2)
Gather information from a variety of sources, including electronic sources, and summarize, analyze, and evaluate its use for a report. (ela 3)
Follow oral or written directions. (ela 4)
Identify, collect and/or select pertinent information while reading. (ela 5)
Develop processes for understanding and remembering information. (ela 8)
Use editing and revising skills to improve effectiveness and accuracy of drafts. (ela 14)
Discriminate important ideas from unimportant ideas while reading. (ela 15)
Participate, sometimes leading, in group meetings by contributing, taking turns speaking, and working toward a common goal. (ela 20)
Understand and produce a variety of informative formats such as business letters, memos, reports, news articles, brochures, proposals and critiques. (ela 22)
Understand the personal, social, cultural and historical significance of a text. (ela 23)
Summarize, synthesize and organize information while reading. (ela 24)

Know how to find and read information from a variety of electronic sources. (ela 28)
Understand and use graphs, charts, and visuals to enhance informational writing and oral presentations. (ela 29)
Understand the nature and purpose of and be able to word process a variety of formats including essays, business letters, memos, instructions, policy statements, technical proposals, user manuals, lab reports, etc. (ela 30)
Edit and revise written text so that it is 100% accurate. (ela 45)
Understand and relate to situations, events and characters in a reading selection. (ela 57)
Understand the needs of a specific audience and write and speak in ways that address these needs. (ela 62)
Participate in peer editing groups. (ela 87)

Scoring Guide:

See attachment: Yesterday and Today Scoring Rubric

Keywords

English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Reading Comprehension Independent reading Research Technology	Algebra	Earth Science
Writing Compare/contrast Creative writing Grammar Internet Journalism Newspapers Organization Peer review Word processing Vocabulary Technology	Geometry	Life Science
Communications Audience Illustration Listening Discussion Visuals	Statistics	Chemistry
Literature	Calculus	Physics
Other	Trigonometry	Other
	Other	

	Beginning 1	Developing 2	Accomplished 3	Exemplary 4	Score
Topic	Totally Unrelated	Remotely Related	Somewhat Relevant	Directly Relevant	
Organization	Not organized, events make no sense	Some organization, events jump around, start and end are unclear	Organized, events are somewhat jumpy	Good organization, events are logically ordered, sharp sense of beginning and end	
Quality of Information	Unable to find specific details	Details are somewhat sketchy	Some details are non-supporting to the subject	Supporting details specific to subject	
Grammar & Spelling	Very frequent grammar and/or spelling errors	More than two errors	Only one or two errors	All grammar and spelling are correct	
Interest Level	Needs descriptive words	Vocabulary is constant, details lack "color"	Vocabulary is varied, supporting details need work	Vocabulary varied, supporting details vivid	
Neatness	Illegible writing, loose pages	Legible writing, some ill-formed letters, print too small or too large, papers stapled together	Legible writing, well-formed characters, clean and neatly bound in a report cover, illustrations provided	Word processed or typed, clean and neatly bound in a report cover, illustrations provided	
Timeliness	Report handed in more than one week late	Up to one week late	Up to two days late	Report handed in on time	

TOTAL