

# FSPS Informational Writing Criteria - Grade K

## Writing to Instruct

### Writing Criteria: D

#### Key Skills and Understanding

CC.W.K.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**Informational/Explanatory - Instruct:** Writing to instruct explains how to make or do something

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#### Ideas/Research

Bases writing on research and prior knowledge

Includes facts and details from research

Gathers and incorporates information from multiple sources

#### Organization/Text Features

Includes a title that tells what the directions are about

Includes a byline that tells who wrote the directions

Provides a list of directions

Presents steps in a logical sequence

#### Language Style

Uses direction words

Provides accurate, complete directions

Note. Adapted from *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing: Grade K* (p. 79), by T. Stead and L. Hoyt, 2011, Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

### Mentor Text

#### Mentor Text:

1. <http://www.readandwritewithrebecca.com/Mentor-Texts.html>

### Student Exemplars

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1. <http://totallyterrificintexas.blogspot.com/2012/10/how-to-writing.html>
2. <http://vabhighlandoaks.dadeschools.net/write.html>

### Lesson Resources

#### Lesson Plans & Resources:

1. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>
2. <http://pinterest.com/sheleeb/teaching-ela-writing-how-to/>
3. <http://totallyterrificintexas.blogspot.com/2012/10/how-to-writing.html>
4. <http://lasotaslittlelearners.blogspot.com/2012/01/how-to-writing.html>

#### Rubrics:

1. [http://www.doe.k12.de.us/aab/English\\_Language\\_Arts/writing\\_rubrics.shtml](http://www.doe.k12.de.us/aab/English_Language_Arts/writing_rubrics.shtml)

#### Graphic Organizers:

1. <http://lasotaslittlelearners.blogspot.com/2012/01/how-to-writing.html>
2. <http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/>

#### Professional Text:

1. Houston, G. (2004). *How Writing Works*. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.
2. Owocki, G. (2013). *The Common Core Writing Book*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann
3. Stead, T. & Hoyt, Linda. (2011). *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann