Informational Writing – Animal Research Project

Grade 2	Not So Good	Okay	Great	Amazing
Information	No details. No questions answered.	A few details. Answers what and where questions.	Some details. Answers what and where questions. Answers a how or why question. Still wondering something.	Lots of details. Answers what, where, how and why questions. Still wondering something.
Conventions	Messy, no spaces, no capital letters to start sentences, no periods. Capital letters in the middle of a word or everywhere.	Sometimes messy, sometimes uses capital letters, periods, and spaces correctly.	Mostly neat printing. Mostly uses capital letters, periods, and spaces correctly.	Always neat printing. Always uses capital letters, periods, and spaces correctly.
Spelling	Not even Kid Writing.	Kid writing for all words (even easy ones)	Some real spelling, some Kid writing for tricky words.	All real spelling
Organization	No connecting words, no paragraph.	No introductory sentence. Too many ands.	Paragraph has an introductory sentence. Uses some connecting words.	Each subject has its own paragraph. Each paragraph has an introductory sentence. Uses lots of connecting words.

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Information	No details.	A few details.	Some details.	Lots of details.
	No questions	Answers what	Answers what	Answers what,
	answered.	and where	and where	where, how and
		questions.	questions.	why questions.
			Answers a how	Still wondering
			or why	something.
			questions.	
			Still wondering	
			something.	
Conventions	Messy printing.	Sometimes neat	Usually neat	Always neat
	Sometimes uses	printing.	printing.	printing.
	capital letters,	Mostly uses	Always uses	Always uses
	periods,	capital letters,	capital letters,	capital letters,
	apostrophes, and	periods,	periods,	periods,
	spaces correctly.	apostrophes, and	apostrophes and	apostrophes, and
		spaces correctly.	spaces correctly.	spaces correctly.
		Has some	Usually has	Always has
		subject-verb	subject-verb	subject-verb
		agreement	agreement.	agreement.
Spelling	Lots of Kid	Some real	Most real	All real spelling
	Writing	spelling, some	spelling (but no	
		Kid writing for	easy words	
0	Only on a	tricky words.	spelled wrong).	Fach audiost has
Organization	Only one	Each subject has	Each subject has	Each subject has
	paragraph. No	its own	its own	its own
	introductory or	paragraph.	paragraph.	paragraph.
	concluding sentences. No	Some paragraphs have an	All paragraphs have an	All paragraphs have an
	connecting	introductory and	introductory	introductory
	words.	concluding	sentence and	sentence and a
	words.	sentence.	most have a	concluding
		A few different	concluding	sentence. Lots of
		connecting	sentence.	different
		words.	Some of different	connecting words.
			connecting	
			words.	