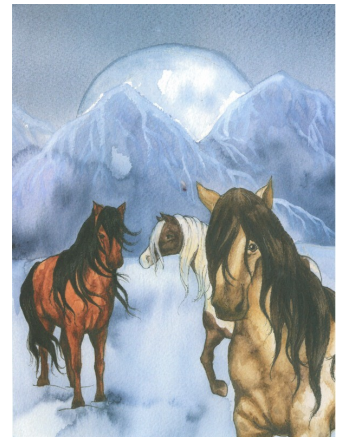


Writing Performance Expectation for Rocky Mountain Night Before Christmas



After Santa left, the old cowboy was purty darn thankful for his gifts. Write a letter to Santa from the old cowboy thanking him for hat and boots. Use your best “cowboy voice” when writing the letter. Include a paragraph on the visit and a paragraph on thanking him. Brainstorm with you class all the parts of a friendly letter I’ve listed below and make sure know what they mean. Include these in your letter.

Parts of a Friendly Letter:

*Greeting/Salutation– Usually begins with Dear _____ and ends with a comma.

*Body– This is the main text, which includes the message or information you are writing in your letter.

*Closing– In the closing the first word is capitalized and you put a comma after the last word. This is a short expression on a single line. Some examples of closing are: Sincerely, Your friend, Love

*Signature Line– This is your name and goes under the closing.

*Postscript– If your letter contains a postscript, begin it with “P.S.” and end it with your initials.



Rubric:

4 Boots– Exceeds the Standard



3 Boots– Meets the Standard



2 Boots– Approaching the Standard



1 Boot– Below the Standard



Writing Performance Expectations:

*Understands and Uses the Writing Process

*Writes Clearly and Effectively

Ideas about the visit:

Ideas about why he was thankful:

