### Student Samples: Grade 3

#### 2-Point Informational Performance Task Writing Rubric (Grades 3–5)

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Sample A

Have you ever wondered about life in space? It might sound fun but it is a lot of hard work. You have to study for hundreds of hours. There are so many things an astronaut needs to know before going into space.

The astronaut needs to learn the basic first aid during training. Astronauts also learn what life is like on the International Space Station (ISS). The ISS is a place where astronauts learn experiments. Astronauts also learn how to eat, exercise and do experiments with no gravity. They have to learn how to drive special vehicles about the size of a pickup truck with twelve wheels. Astronauts have to take scuba diving lessons. When they are walking under water, it is hard and it feels the same as walking in space. There is no gravity in space so heavy objects are easy to lift but it isn’t easy to do jobs that way.

All of the astronauts need to work as a team. The article #1 says, “these astronauts have to learn how to live and work together in space.” Every astronaut has a different job on the spacecraft. Some astronauts learn how to fix things on the spaceship. That astronaut has a very important job because if anything breaks they have to be able to fix it. Some astronauts go to flight school before becoming an astronaut. These astronauts have to study for hundreds of hours just like before becoming an astronaut. Some of the astronauts are leaders on the ship. They make sure that everybody is doing their job. The article #1 says “Other astronauts learn mostly about science. Their job is to learn how living things change in when they are in space.” They work hard in space. Astronauts have a lot of amazing adventures but they work hard to!
Sample B

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Sample C

The job of an astronaut is very mind blowing, but you have to study for many years. When you go into space your blood will flow a different direction, causing the blood to go to your head so, it will cause you to have a puffy head and a big neck. Astronauts learn how life is like in space in their space station called the ISS. The ISS is a large spacecraft that circles around the earth. Astronauts exercise in space with rubber bands, they use it to exercise their legs and arms and many more. Astronauts have to study the stars the earth and especially gravity, if you understand that then you will understand space, space will be really complicated and hard.

You have to learn how to fix things just in case something goes wrong in the spaceship. The job of an astronaut is very cool, but it is tough.