**Critical Thinking Exemplar Rubric K-5**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Critical Thinking | Consistently (C) | Usually (U) | Sometimes (S) | Rarely (R) |
| Identify Issues  (Ask Questions) | I can identify an issue and explain the different ideas (perspectives) involved. | I can identify an issue, ask questions about the issue and explain my thoughts. | I can identify an issue and explain my idea (perspective). | I can ask a question and identify a basic problem. |
| Find Evidence | I can research a topic and find a variety of resources and choose the most important ones. | I can research a topic and find a variety of resources. | With support, I can research a topic and find resources. | I am beginning to learn to research a topic and find resources. |
| Reach Conclusions | I can examine the results of my research and describe how it helps me to reach a conclusion. | I can examine my research to reach and support a conclusion. | With support, I can use what I learned from my research to reach a conclusion. | I am beginning to use my research to help me reach a conclusion. |
| Evaluate Evidence | I can decide and explain why some sources of information might be more trustworthy. I know if information is useful and true. | I can decide and explain why information is true and useful. | With support, I can decide what information is true and useful. | I may need support to decide if something is useful or true. |