Rubric for Carmelita Letter
Student:_____

Level	Description of Level of Skill
4	• Clearly describes several properties of salt and cornstarch • Focuses on properties that are unique to each powder • Clearly identifies one property that is the most helpful for telling the two powders apart AND clearly explains why that is the best property to use • Property identified as the best is a reasonable choice
3	• Describes several properties of salt and cornstarch • Focuses on some properties that are unique to each powder • Clearly identifies one property that is the most helpful for telling the two powders apart but needs to explain why that property is the be property to use • Property identified as the best is a reasonable choice
2	• Describes some properties of salt and cornstarch • Descriptions need to be more focused and clearly explain the differences between the powders • Attempts to identify one property that is the most helpful for telling the two powders apart • Property identified as the most helpful needs to be explained and/or is not the best property to use to tell the difference between salt and cornstarch
1	• Letter is incomplete, contains too few details, and/or is not understandable