

# 5th GRADE MAINTAINER DESCRIPTION

## JOB DESCRIPTION

- *Teach students how to maintain a specific area in the garden for beauty, fun and safety*
  - *Escort students from class to garden at beginning of visitation and back to class at the end of garden visit*
  - *Maintain class rotation log; each child rotates to the different positions at least twice a year*
- 1. Arrive 10 minutes beforehand to determine where students will work and set out tools:** empty baskets for weeds, gloves for everyone, weeding tools, spades, leaf rakes, pruning shears, etc
  
  - 2. Escort students and Class Rotation Log**
    - **Pick up group #1** and escort to garden – leave 20 min timer with teacher
    - Divide into Maintainers, Explorers or Planters and note on class rotation log
    - At 20 min mark, teacher escorts *group #2* to garden and takes *group #1* back
    - At end of second rotation, **escort group #2 back to class**
  
  - 3. Maintain the garden with MAINTAINER children – award Green Bucks**
    - Maintain ground and walkways around Beds E & F
      - Remove weeds at the root using weeding tool
      - Remove dead leaves/material (deposit leaves in compost bin)
      - Place wood chips and rocks back where they belong
    - Maintain around barn, worktables & compost bins
      - Remove weeds from the root using weeding tool
      - Rake and remove dead leaves/material
      - place rocks back by worktables
      - use hand brooms to remove spider webs on worktables then clean off with wet rags
      - clean up water trough area
    - Clean off supplies and return to barn; fold left and right gloves together and put in bins
  
  - 4. General Info for all Garden Masters**
    - **Text John regarding repairs and supplies (714) 856-4007**
    - Barn, shed and gate codes 5278 – no children inside
      - Close and lock barn & shed
      - South gate to remain locked during school hours
    - Supplies and tools
      - Return clean tools to where you found them
      - Have children fold left and right glove together before returning to bin
      - Rinse dirty rags in trough and hang to dry, put away dry rags
    - Water
      - **DO THE FINGER TEST BEFORE WATERING;** over and under watering can kill the plants
      - Use cistern water first
      - Turn valves inside barn and at hoses off
    - Trash
      - Weeds go in the trash
      - Plant cuttings can go in fenced “browns” bin after being cut to 8” or smaller
      - Full trash cans must be dragged to tunnel area to be emptied
    - Green Bucks
      - Reward for the 3 E’s: engaged, enthusiastic and extra hard work
      - Redeemed for .50 at Tuesday Produce Stand
    - Sign up for blog posts at [ocorganicgardenblog.com](http://ocorganicgardenblog.com); all info GMs need is there
      - [tmagarden@ocorganicgardenblog.com](mailto:tmagarden@ocorganicgardenblog.com) is general email address
    - Volunteer hours, teachers sign for garden visits, Garden Team signs for trainings