

5th GRADE EXPLORER SAMPLE SCRIPT

Student presentors will learn to:

- read a script while maintaining eye contact with audience
- speak loud and clear
- use hand gestures to maintain interest
- stand tall, still and confidently
- respond to questions and engage audience
- smile and project self confidence

Garden History

Hello, my name is _____. I'm a 5th grader at Tustin Memorial Academy. Eight years ago, those two storage units and weeds as tall as me filled this space. In 2006, the district allowed some parents to make the garden you see now. Join us and we'll share why we LOVE coming to the garden every month to discover and play.

Coinker and Water Harvesting

Hello, my name is _____. I'm a 5th grader at Tustin Memorial Academy. Coinker, our only farm animal, collects donations for garden programs.

While studying water conservation in our unique, Water in Our World program, 5th graders discovered that 500 gallons of rain water pour from the roof in 20 minutes. They wondered how we could conserve the water. These rain gutters, rain chains, cisterns and underground aquifers, became the answer. Thanks to our curious 5th graders, we now conserve thousands of gallons of water each year.

Worm Composting

Hello, my name is _____. I'm a 5th grader at Tustin Memorial Academy. Every Thursday, 2nd graders get to play with the worms. During lunchtime, students chop food scraps that aren't eaten by students and feed them to the worms. They eat the scraps and eliminate "worm castings" or nutrient rich soil that's mixed back into the beds. It's the ultimate form of recycling.

Hot Composting

Hello, my name is _____. I'm a 5th grader at Tustin Memorial Academy. Once a week, our 4th grade students build compost in these bins. They measure the temperature and volume of the compost piles. They are made of grass, leaves and shrubs. The process takes 6-12 weeks depending on how often the piles are turned and how many microscopic decomposer are in the pile (that's a big word for microscopic bugs like this one). Our crops are strong and tasty because we mix the compost into the soil.



Beds B & D Strawberries

Hello, my name is _____. I'm a 5th grader at Tustin Memorial Academy. 5th graders like me planted those strawberries in October. This month, we're planting onions and leeks in this bed. We will harvest, eat or sell them around March. We sell all food not eaten by our class on Tuesdays after school. Last year we made \$7000 for the school. We can earn Green Bucks to use at the Tuesday Produce Sale if we work hard and stay focused during our monthly garden time.

The California Native Butterfly Garden

Hello, my name is _____. I'm a 5th grader at Tustin Memorial Academy. Three weeks a year, 2nd graders study the lifecycles of pollinators like butterflies, hummingbirds and bees. They identify and journal about their discoveries during our unique Lifecycles in the Garden program. Butterfly chrysalises form on these wood rails several times during the year.