

2nd 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 and trash, gloves for everyone, 3 hand brooms, 4 weeding tools, 2-3 spades, 2 leaf rakes, 2 pruning shears brown cart and shovels for mulch
 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**
 - Bed A, including Rose Bud, Grapefruit and Peach Trees
 - Remove weeds from the root using weeding tool
 - deadhead flowers
 - remove dead leaves/material
 - cut shrubs back to size at training workshop
 - stack rocks around arbor bases
 - prune small branches of trees
 - After all that is complete - mulch entire area (one time in fall, winter and spring)
 - Learning Center
 - Pick up trash on ground then rake. Deposit planter dirt back into planters
 - Using hand brooms, remove spider webs from under and around benches and tables, then wash down with wet rag
 - Fold right and left glove together and return to barn bins
 - Wipe down tools and return to barn
 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
 - **FINGER TEST SOIL BEFORE WATERING – don't assume it needs water**
 - 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; all info GMs need is there
 - tmagarden@ocorganicgardenblog.com is general email address
 - Volunteer hours, teachers sign for garden visits, Garden Team signs for trainings