

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; 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