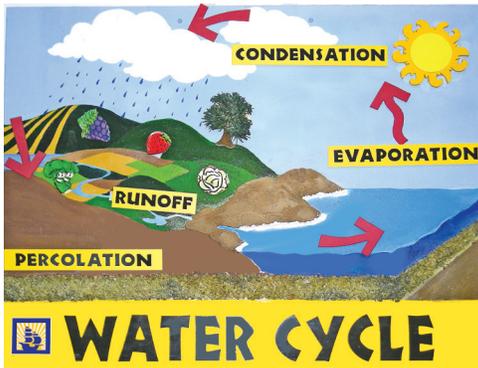


WATER EDUCATION

FREE CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

Make a splash with Water Education in your school! Actively involve your students in learning about water by inviting a Water Conservation Specialist into your classroom. Sign up early . . . staff is limited and presentations are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Class presentations are available to teachers and students enrolled within the Santa Maria Bonita School District.

The following list outlines this year's programs. All programs meet the California State Content Standards.



ALL ABOUT WATER

(Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

Time: 30 minutes

■ Students learn about the water cycle and local water resources through an interactive discussion. A colorful poster board adds an entertaining visual element to this presentation.



THE WATER PUZZLE

(2nd-3rd Grades)

Time: 30 minutes

■ Students learn about local water resources, the water cycle, and water conservation through an interactive discussion and hands-on water puzzle activity. A colorful water poster board shows students the journey water takes from local water resources to their homes and where it goes after use.

MEET THE STAFF

MYRA RITCHIE, WATER CONSERVATION SPECIALIST



■ Myra is a Water Conservation Specialist and has worked for the City of Santa Maria Utilities Department for over 15 years. In her role, Myra coordinates with various agencies including

local elementary schools (preschool through 6th grade) to provide water conservation presentations covering all the aspects of the water cycle. Discussions include where the City's water comes from and how to conserve water indoors and outdoors. Myra is always prepared for a question-and-answer segment as well.

Myra is a frequent speaker at public events and workshops, and participates in the Santa Barbara County Regional Water Efficiency Program. During the month of May each year, she implements the annual Water Conservation Poster Contest for 3rd grade students (enrolled in the Santa Maria-Bonita School District). Students create colorful posters symbolizing the importance of water conservation and how everyone can do their part to conserve water.

In addition to her role in educating about water conservation, Myra also offers complimentary home water visits to City residents, where she evaluates and identifies methods to reduce water use.



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