

11-30-01

Dear NOAA,

Thank you for selecting my teacher, Mrs. Richards, for the teacher at sea adventure from San Diego to the Galapagos Islands aboard the Ronald H. Brown vessel. As a student in her Earth Science class, I benefited from the experience in the following ways: I learned where the Galapagos Islands are located, that there are many different species that are only found on the Galapagos Islands, the culture of the people who live on the Galapagos Islands, and how scientists gather information to learn about the environment, animals, and people.

Knowing where the Galapagos Islands are located may not seem important but everybody whom I asked where they were located did not know. This shows how remote and isolated they are. I was surprised to see a place on earth without a McDonalds. I learned a great deal

from my teacher's experience and it opened my eyes to the variety of different things that exist in this world. I realize that there will be many opportunities to learn more about the world. I hope they will all be as interesting as this one.

Sincerely,
Brian Anderson

Katie Miles

Dec 9, 2001

Dear NOAA,

My name is Katie Miles, and I am from Encanto Park Academy, in Vista CA. I'm writing you about "The teacher at Sea Adventure."

You, at NOAA picked my teacher, Mrs. Richards, for this cool adventure. She travelled from San Diego to the Galapagos Island aboard the Ronald H. Brown Research Vessel.

As a student in Mrs. Richards Earth Science Class, I thought that it was really cool to see my teacher doing a once in a life time adventure. I learned a lot about what really goes on in a scientific vessel such as the Ronald H. Brown. It was neat to see how the ship worked and how all the people on board worked together to gather research.

I also learned a lot about the Galapagos Islands. I know for a fact that I probably would have never learned so much about the science & the history of the island chain if it wasn't for this trip. The animals on the islands are truly amazing. I think we got an up close look at them through Mrs. Richards. I know that, we as a class, really benefitted from our teacher's experience in a lot of ways.

For example, we are all 9th graders in her Earth Science Class and the trip happened right at the beginning of the year, so we didn't really know Mrs. Richards. But, because we got to talk to her on-line and through e-mails, was like she was here. So even though we only really knew her for about a month it was like we got to know her for the 6-8 weeks she was gone.

This was a wonderful opportunity for Mrs. Richards and our school. I really would like to say thank-you for choosing my teacher, Mrs. Richards, for the teacher at Sea Adventure!

Thanks a lot!

Sincerely,
Katie Miles
Student from Pinjonne Park Academy

10 DECEMBER 2001

DEAR NOAA,

I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU SELECTED MY TEACHER, MRS. RICHARDS, FROM SAN DIEGO. FOR THE TEACHER AT SEA ADVENTURE A BOARD THE RONALD H. BROWN VESSEL TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. AS A STUDENT IN HER EARTH SCIENCE CLASS, I BENEFITED FROM THE EXPERIENCE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS: I LEARNED ABOUT THE WONDERFUL ANIMALS ON THE ISLANDS, ABOUT THE CAPTAIN AND THE RONALD H. BROWN ITSELF, THE CREW, ETC, AND THE BUOYS.

THOUGH WE MISSED HER ABSENTS WE WERE STILL ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH HER. I ALSO LEARNED A LOT FROM READING HER DAILY LOGS, AND PARTICIPATING IN A SCAVENGER HUNT. A HANDOUT THAT QUESTIONED OUR KNOWLEDGE OF EXACTLY HOW MUCH WE KNEW ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON, THE RONALD H. BROWN. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU EXTREMELY, WE COVERED THINGS THAT WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T NORMALLY COVER, AND I LEARNED A LOT FROM THIS.

SINCERELY YOURS,
ILLY DE LA TORRE

Tearny Clarke

12-3-01

Dear NOAA,

Thank you for selecting my teacher, Mrs. Richards, for the teacher at sea adventure from San Diego to the Galapagos Islands aboard the Ronald H. Brown vessel. As a student in her Earth Science class, I benefited from the experience in the following ways: I learned about things that are going on in the world. I don't think I would have known about any of this research going on. I also learned about odds, because Mr. Richards is only one person and hundreds of teachers around the world applied for this. I think it is an amazing thing that she got picked to do research about the ocean that might change the planet in a small or big way. I would have liked to learn what all you learned while on the ship.

Sincerely,
Tearny Clarke

Dear NOAA,

Thank you for selecting my teacher, Mrs. Richards, for the Teacher at sea adventure from San Diego to the Galapagos Islands aboard the Ronald H. Brown vessel. As being a student in her Earth Science class for a while, I have learned a lot of things of science before the trip I'm sure that there were some things that Mrs. Richards didn't understand correctly and this trip made it easier for her to improve on things she didn't know.

When we heard about the news she was exciting and so were we. After she came back she told us, all of the wonderful and exciting story's that happened on the trip. A lot of the new stuff she learned about oceanography was useful in our class because she experienced some of it. So now when she is teaching the class it's better. I like the way she teaches from what she got from the trip. She looks like she has all the experience a science teacher needs to have a successful class. So think that the program really helps teachers advance her skills in teaching. The trip really helped my teacher I think that she won't have any problems with teaching because sometimes teachers don't know the answer to questions that students ask and that could make the teacher look bad. So by going to the trip she learns more that she didn't and that helps her in her class.

So I'm very thankful that you picked my teacher out of all the teachers in the U.S. I think that it was a one in a lifetime opportunity to go on a trip like that. That can have you experience a lot of wonderful things that can be found just anywhere. I think that after this trip the teachers as well as us have advanced their knowledge in science to a further place. So now I think that Mrs. Richards won't have a problem in teaching her wonderful class of Earth Science.

Sincerely
Paulo Martinez

