

What you should do the day of the Science Fair? (K-3rd grade)

Relax, smile and have fun, remember you are the expert and you had fun doing the project. But if you are a little nervous, we listed the stuff you need to do during the presentation to meet the criteria of the judges.

Helpful Hint: Look sharp, feel sharp and you will be sharp. Dress nice that day, be polite and speak clearly and you will show the judges that you have confidence. Don't forget to look them in the eyes, as they really are quite nice.

Stand to the side of the display so that the judge can see all your hard work.

Introduce yourself, point out the title of your display and tell the judge why you chose to study this. State your problem that you studied (your question). Also, tell them about your hypothesis (what you think might happen).

Tell about your experiment, the steps you took to do it. Use all those fancy science words you just learned. They love that.

Be sure to show them that you tested your experiment at least 3 times. Show them all of the cool graphic organizers that you made, like your tables and charts.

Be sure and explain what your data means. Make sure you can read your graphs and tables. Let them know if you were surprised by the results, or if you knew what would happen because you studied about it.

Make sure you sound like an expert at your topic. Always use the appropriate vocabulary especially by using words from the Scientific Method like: Problem, Hypothesis, Procedure, Results and Conclusion.

Let the judge know if you were right about your hypothesis. What did you conclude about your problem? Did you find another problem to investigate based on what you learned?

Judges love this one, because it gives a real world purpose to your topic. It makes you sound like a real scientist in a real lab...which you are!! "My experiment about paper towel absorbency could help people save money by buying the right type of paper towels."

Nothing makes a judge feel worse than to make a kid so nervous that they repeat themselves or they stop their presentation before they are really done. If you get lost or forget where you are, look at your display and follow it piece by piece. It is better to discuss everything than to forget to tell the judge something. When you are done, shake hands with the judge and thank them for their time, remember that they are volunteers who care about you!