

Good Morning, my name is Jayden Casella and I am a third grader at Turtle Bay School here in Redding. Turtle Bay has been the top selling Ducky Derby School for the last 5 years which is really good because I have been the top Ducky Derby ticket seller at my school for the last 3 years. Since I am only 8 years old that's a really big part of my life.

Ducky Derby tickets are really easy to sell and I love selling them. All I have to do is tell people how important they are to my school and how much good the money does for our school. I've met a lot of wonderful people selling tickets, and I have a lot of great memories with Ducky Derby. It's made me a better person, full of confidence that I can do things I wouldn't have tried before and self esteem that makes me do my best.

When I was in Kindergarten, we used our Ducky Derby dollars to help pay for the Kindergarteners' trip to the Sacramento Zoo. When I was a little kid, we learned Zoo Phonics with stud like Allie Alligator, Lizzy Lizard and Zeke the Zebra. At the end of school, we all went to the Sacramento Zoo and got to see the animals that we had learned about.

In first grade we used Ducky Derby dollars to buy leveled books. We also went on field trips to the museum, the library and as a reward our class paid for a trip to the Aquatic Center.

In second grade, Ducky Derby helped send us on a field trip to Mt. Lassen to learn about the rocks, volcano as well as trees and animals that live there. We went on a total of 13 field trips that year! The dollars were also used to purchase 4 digital camera with which we all learned to take pictures and document our trips. We learned a lot about photography. Perhaps, because of this experience, one of us will grow up to be a professional photographer.

This year my class purchased books to help with reading. We also bought a Turtle Bay shirt for each of my classmates as many would not afford one. The entire class was able to see a live play at the Cascade Theater with was amazing.

Right now, when I grow up I want to be a fire inspector or a police officer. I'm sure that will change as I grow older as there is a big world out there but Ducky Derby has opened up a whole lot of ideas from the things I learn about in school, things that would not have been possible if not for the help of Ducky Derby dollars.

My grandpa always tells me "If you do good things, good things will happen to me". Well, "good things" is selling Ducky Derby tickets and "what happens to me" is the experience, self esteem, confidence and the good feeling I have about myself when I sell tickets to help my school

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