Fifth Grade Chemistry Outreach Program:

Our Fifth Grade Chemistry Outreach Program is a partnership between local elementary students and teachers and UCSB students and faculty. To improve educational opportunities for K-12 students, we have developed a program that brings fifth grade students to the chemistry lab at UCSB every Thursday morning to participate in hands-on standards-based physical science activities. The program is designed to nourish their natural curiosity in science and to stimulate an interest in pursuing a higher education in science. In addition, UCSB students are given the opportunity to share their love of science with elementary students and to consider a career path as a science educator. For more information on the program including a schedule and how to get on the mailing list go to: http://www.chem.ucsb.edu/~outreach/



UC Santa Barbara's Center for Sustainable Use of Renewable Feedstocks (CenSURF) developed and implemented a new educational module on the global carbon cycle. Once students have experimentally determined sources and sinks of CO₂ and have analyzed how atmospheric CO₂ levels have changed over time, they can apply their experimental findings to predict causes for the increase. Students are challenged to think critically about the increasing CO₂ levels in the atmosphere and discuss changes each individual student can make to reduce their own CO₂ footprint.

Press Release: UCSB Chemistry Outreach Program Encourages Fifth-Graders (Noozhawk) http://www.noozhawk.com/article/ucsb chemistry outreach program encourages fifthgraders 20140324 (Video)