

Science Fair  
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When we got to the school Ally and I raced to the door. We were so excited to get there! Last week our teacher told us that he had a surprise! We couldn't wait to know what it was! We practically leaped into our seats when we got to the classroom. When the clock is at exactly 5:00 our teacher, Mr. Wilson, walks in, tall and straight. "Good afternoon class!" he said excitedly. He smiles at his 8 students. "Good afternoon Olivia, Ally, Ben, Jill, George, Hope, Hadley, and Peter!" There were 4 boys and 4 girls in the class. Hope and Hadley were twins and were usually partnered up together. George and Peter were best friends, (just like me and Ally) and were very smart. Ben and Jill were quiet siblings and were always together.

"Like I said last week, I have a surprise!" Mr. Wilson said. Ally and I were on the edge of our seats. We could not wait any longer! "As you know, we are going to have our own little science fair on Friday, I thought I had to include a special prize for winning... SPACE CAMP!" Mr. Wilson said. "WHAT?!?!" Ally and I jumped up and down, but we immediately sat back down, due to the teacher's stare. I looked at Ally, Ally looked at me. We grinned. We got this.

"So if we win the science fair we get to go to space camp?" Ally asked. "Yes," Mr. Wilson answered. "Also, you will be in partners so if your partnership wins you will both go to space camp." Ally and I did another jump for joy, but then sat right down, again. Today you will be choosing your partners and drawing your science fair design on this. He held up a sheet of paper. Come to me after you have your partner. I raced over to Ally. I asked if she would be my partner. She (of course) said yes. We were now partners so we went over to Mr. Wilson to get our sheet of paper. "Best of luck, girls!" he said, grinning. Ally and I were even more determined to win the science fair.

Ally and I sat down on a pile of pillows with a clipboard with the piece of paper on it. We started to brainstorm. "Volcano, no, everyone does that," "Hmm..." "How about...no, that won't work," We were having trouble coming up with ideas. "I know!" I said excitedly, "We could build a robot!"

I quickly sketched a design for the robot. "This looks great!" Ally said, after looking the sketch over. "One question, though. Where do we get the supplies?" "The Science Robot department store?!" I joked. "Olivia!!" Ally rolled her eyes at me. "5 minutes until class is over," Mr. Wilson said. Can you meet me at my house tomorrow at 4:00 pm tomorrow to work on our project?" I asked Ally. "Sure!" Ally replied.

*Thursday, 4:00 pm*

The doorbell rang and I shouted "I'll get it!" I opened the front door and there stood Ally. She came inside and took off her shoes. We ran up to my room. I had a whiteboard hanging by my bed. Next to it was a radio, which I used to tune into my favorite stations every

once in a while. Ally jumped onto my bed. I stood next to the whiteboard and opened an EXPO marker. I drew the picture of the robot I had the day before with more detail. Just then, an idea popped into my head! I glanced at the radio. "Ally, I just got the BEST idea! We could use parts from my radio to build the robot! We could tune into the space station and it would be coming from the robot!" "Great idea, Olivia! That'll win for sure!" I was so excited!

Ally and I went downstairs with the robot in mind and the radio in hand. We were going downstairs to get my father. He's an engineer. "Dad, I need your help!" I said when we reached the basement. "What's up?" he asked. "Ally and I are partners for the science fair and we want to build a robot that could go to space. Long story short, we want to disassemble this radio so we can build the robot with some of the pieces," "Ok, let's get to work," Dad said. He started to get some supplies to help take the radio apart without destroying any of the pieces.

We had all the pieces of the radio laid out in a row. Ally and I builded our robot pretty quickly. It worked perfectly! In the morning we would get to the school and start our presentations. YAY!!! I was so excited!

*Friday, 11:00 am*

When we got to the school we started to practice our run -through. It went pretty good.

*30 minutes later...*

The science fair was getting closer! I couldn't wait to start! I walked around the room and looked at other peoples projects. When I came to George and Peter's I stopped dead in my tracks. They had made a robot also! Theirs looked way cooler than ours too! That's not fair! I rush over to tell Ally. She gasps and asked "Really?!" I nodded my head.

Before we could stop and think the science fair was on! The project with the most votes from the kids wins! Kids flooded the room and went straight to George and Peter's. Ugh! But then I remembered the radio. I flipped the switch secured in the back and the robot's radio turned on! I watched in amazement as every single kid in the room came over to our robot! YES!! I heard 3 bells chime. The science fair was over! Our teacher, Mr. Wilson came over to our stand and placed a blue ribbon on our robot. It read: CONGRATULATIONS! 1<sup>st</sup> Place Science Fair!