

Hi, I am Duncan Robertson and I want to be a meteorologist when I grow up. I am 6 years old and in first grade. I think that I would make a great meteorologist because I love studying weather and I am obsessed with watching weather reports.

I have loved weather since I was very young. I began to love it on a night when there was a thunderstorm. I was interested in what was causing this weather. I love using The Weather Channel App on my dad's phone to check the forecast and to find cool weather videos. I own loads of books about weather and instruments for determining weather conditions. My family knows how much I love weather, so I always get weather related presents. I have a remote thermometer which tells me the indoor and outdoor temperature. For Christmas I got a weather station that has a thermometer, hydrometer, and storm glass. The storm glass shows me if a storm is coming. My great grandfather gave me an antique barometer. It is used to measure air pressure. I use all of these instruments to keep track of weather conditions.

My favorite weather related experience is when I sent a video to the local weatherman asking questions about the weather. He sent me back a video answering my questions. He invited me to the station to see how he does his job. I got the perfect weatherman outfit before going. I found a great suit that even had a vest. When I got to the station, I saw all of the instruments that are used to predict the weather. He showed me how to create the pictures that we see on tv when we watch the news. The coolest part was using the green screen. During the real news, I was able to sit at the desk next to the news reporter.

Another experience that I had was announcing the players at a Pawtucket Red Sox game. I love to talk in front of a crowd. I talked into the microphone and the whole crowd heard me. They turned the camera on me and put me on the scoreboard. I think this was good practice for being on tv where there are lots of people watching.

My favorite weather to study is natural disasters. Right now I am studying how hurricanes are formed. There were many hurricanes this year. I watched hours of footage from these storms and was curious how they started. Earthquakes are another natural disaster that I am interested in. An earthquake happens when plates move causing the ground to shake. They can cause a lot of destruction to houses and property. Recently I learned that plates are always moving. I also learned that all the continents used to be all together and called Pangea. Moving plates are also how mountains and volcanoes are formed. This happens when plates move into each other instead of away from each other.

I live in Rhode Island. We get lots of different kinds of weather. Sometimes I wish that I lived in other places that have different weather than us though. It would be cool to live in Kansas to see a tornado, or in Hawaii to see a volcano. Florida is a place where I could see a big hurricane. Japan would be a cool place to see an earthquake and maybe even a tsunami. The only problem would be that I would have to learn how to speak Japanese.

I love weather and science so much and I want to be a meteorologist when I grow up. I need to do well in school and take lots of science classes. I want to go to college to study meteorology. I'm going to spend a lot of time in the library reading books. I hope that one day I can work for the weather channel.

