



## Farmer George – In the News



Could this  
be you?

Imagine that you are a reporter and you have learned about the neat things that George Washington has discovered, invented, tested and grown on his farm! What a great news story! Use the following questions and criteria as you write, edit, produce and give a breaking news story on what's happening at Mount Vernon!

Determine what type of reporter you are:

\_\_\_\_\_ Radio

\_\_\_\_\_ Television

\_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper

Prepare your story keeping the following rules in mind:

- The story should last 1-2 minutes. If it's a newspaper article, it should take that amount of time to read the article.
- Who is your audience? The general public? Students? Adults?
- Who would you be "interviewing" to get information? What other sources would you use?
- What questions would you ask to determine more information?
- What websites might you visit to learn more about George Washington? (see page 39)
- Are there any props you could use in your story?
- What types of advertisers might be interested in sponsoring your news story?

Practice, practice and practice your news story! Use facial and hand gestures for radio and television reports. Proofread your copy for the newspaper report.

All students will present their news stories. Students choosing the newspaper report will distribute copies to their classmates.