

Please read the following laboratory safety guidelines with your child and sign the bottom of both copies. Your child should keep one copy in his/her Science notebook and RETURN the other copy to his/her teacher. Your child will not be able to participate in any laboratory procedures until his/her teacher has received the signed paper. Thank you!

SCIENCE LABORATORY SAFETY GUIDELINES

PLEASE...

- Follow directions carefully.
- Ask questions if you do not understand the directions.
- Do not begin your lab procedure until instructed by your teacher.
- No running, jumping, climbing, etc.
- Wear safety goggles to protect your eyes.
- Wear gloves and/or a laboratory coat or apron if instructed by your teacher.
- Notify your teacher of any spills.
- Notify your teacher if something breaks. Do not use chipped, cracked or broken glassware.
- Tie back long hair and secure loose clothing when working around an open flame.
- Keep all papers, plastics and chemicals away from open flames and hot plates.
- Never reach over a flame.
- Never leave anything unattended while it is being heated.
- Point test tubes that are being heated away from faces.
- Keep your work area and equipment dry when working around electrical equipment.
- Do not put any object other than a plug into an electrical outlet.
- Do not eat or drink in the laboratory.
- Do not put your hands near your face or mouth when working with chemicals.
- Never taste any chemicals or substances.
- Never smell a chemical directly from a container, gently wave your hand to waft the fumes towards your nose.
- Inform your teacher **immediately** if you get any chemicals on your skin, in your mouth, or in your eyes.
- Know the location of the emergency eyewash station, emergency shower, fire extinguisher, fire blanket and first aid kit.
- Know how to use the emergency eyewash station, emergency shower, fire extinguisher, fire blanket and first aid kit.
- Only use the eyewash station, emergency shower, fire extinguisher or fire blanket when instructed by your teacher or in an emergency situation.
- Clean and air-dry all glassware.
- Put equipment back as instructed by your teacher.
- Dispose of unused materials and trash as instructed by your teacher.
- Clean up your work area when you are finished.
- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Ask your teacher for help when you are unsure of the proper safety procedure to follow.

Please be responsible at all times and use common sense.

For the safety of ALL individuals, any student which has to be corrected by the teacher for improper behavior during a lab situation will be prohibited from doing the lab and will be given an alternative assignment.

We have read and understand the **Safety Guidelines AND the Science Classroom Policies**. My child agrees to follow these guidelines and policies.

Student's name _____ Teacher/grade _____

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____