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Middle School Science Safety Contract

PURPOSE

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. However, science activities may have potential hazards. Safety in the science classroom is an important part of the scientific process. To ensure a safe classroom, a list of rules has been developed and is called the Science Safety Contract. These rules must be followed at all times. Additional safety instructions will be given for each activity.

SAFETY RULES

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the science room. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks will not be tolerated.
2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. Ask your teacher questions if you do not understand the instructions.
3. Do not touch any equipment, supplies, animals, or other materials in the science room without permission from the teacher.
4. Never eat, drink, chew gum, or taste anything in the science room without permission.
5. Wear safety glasses or goggles when instructed. Never remove safety glasses or goggles during an experiment.
6. Keep your work area and the science room neat and clean.
7. Keep aisles clear. Push your chair under the desk when not in use.
8. Clean all work areas and equipment at the end of the experiment. Return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area.
9. Follow your teacher's instructions to dispose of any waste materials generated in an experiment.
10. Report any accident (fire, spill, breakage, etc.), injury (cut, burn, etc.), or hazardous condition (broken equipment, etc.) to the teacher immediately.
11. Consider all chemicals used in the science room to be dangerous. Do not touch or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.
12. Always carry a microscope with both hands. Hold the arm with one hand; place the other hand under the base.
13. If you or your lab partner is hurt, immediately get the instructor's attention.

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14. Never open storage cabinets or enter the prep/storage room without permission from the teacher.

15. Do not remove chemicals, equipment, supplies, or animals from the science room without permission from the teacher.

16. Never handle broken glass. Tell the teacher and she will use a rush and dustpan to clean up broken glass.

17. Examine glassware before each use. Never use chipped or cracked glassware. Never use dirty glassware.

18. If you do not understand how to use a piece of equipment, ask the teacher for help.

19. Learn where the safety equipment is located and how to use it. Know where the exits are located and what to do in case of an emergency or fire drill.

Safety Contract

AGREEMENT

I, _____, (student's name) have read and understand each of the above safety rules set forth in this contract. I agree to follow them to ensure not only my own safety but also the safety of others in the science classroom or laboratory. I also agree to follow the general rules of appropriate behavior for a classroom at all times to avoid accidents and to provide a safe learning environment for everyone. I understand that if I do not follow all the rules and safety precautions, I might not be allowed to participate in science activities.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Important questions:

Does your child wear contact lenses?

Y or N

Is your child color blind?

Y or N

Does your child have any allergies?

Y or N

If so, Please list: