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| **PURPOSE**  Science is a hands-on laboratory class. However, science activities may have potential hazards. We will use some equipment that may be dangerous if not handled properly. 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. No science student will be allowed to participate in science activities until this contract has been signed by both the student AND a parent/guardian.  **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. Perform only authorized and approved experiments. Do not conduct any experiments when the teacher is out of the room.  5. Never eat, drink, chew gum, or taste  anything in the science room.  6. Keep hands away from face, eyes, and mouth while using science materials or when working with either chemicals or animals. Wash your hands with soap and water before leaving the science room.  7. Wear safety glasses or goggles when  instructed. Never remove safety glasses  or goggles during an experiment. There  will be no exceptions to this rule!  8. Keep your work area and the science  room neat and clean. Bring only your  laboratory instructions, worksheets, and  writing instruments to the work area.  9.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.  10. Follow your teacher’s instructions to  dispose of any waste materials. | 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.Treat all preserved specimens and dissecting supplies with care and respect.  a. Do not remove preserved specimens  from the science room.  b. Use scalpels, scissors, and other sharp  instruments only as instructed.  c. Never cut any material towards you—  always cut away from your body.  d. Report any cut or scratch from  sharp instruments to the teacher  immediately.  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. Handle all glassware with care. Never  pick up hot or broken glassware with  your bare hands.  17. Use extreme caution when using  matches, a burner, or hot plate. Only  light burners when instructed and do  not put anything into a flame unless  specifically instructed to do so. Do not  leave a lit burner unattended.  18. Dress properly—long hair must be tied back, no dangling jewelry, and no loose or baggy clothing. Wear aprons when instructed.  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.  **20. Report any accident (fire, spill, breakage, etc.), injury (cut, burn, etc.), or hazardous condition (broken equipment, etc.) to the teacher immediately!!** | **AGREEMENT**  I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,  (**Printed** ***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 will not be allowed to participate in science activities.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ***(Student Signature)***  **August \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**    **Dear Parent or Guardian:**  **We feel that you should be informed**  **of the school’s effort to create and**  **maintain a safe science classroom/**  **laboratory environment. Please read**  **the list of safety rules. No student will**  **be permitted to perform science**  **activities unless this contract is**  **signed by both the student and parent/guardian and is on file with the teacher. Your signature on this contract indicates that you have read this Science Safety Contract, reviewed it with your child, and are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your son/daughter in the science classroom.**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ***(Parent/Guardian Signature)***  **August \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  ***IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:***   * Does your child wear contact lenses? **( YES /** **N0 )** * Does your child have any allergies?   **( YES / NO )**   * If yes, please list: |

SIGN & RETURN

DUE: BLACK=Tues, Aug 28 …GOLD= Wed, Aug 29

**Mitchell Middle School- Science Safety CONTRACT**

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