

SCIENCE SAFETY CONTRACT

Science is an active, hands-on class. We will be doing many activities that require the use of sensitive equipment and potentially hazardous chemicals. **Safety is the # 1 priority in our classroom.** To ensure a safe learning environment, all students will be instructed in science classroom safety and the student / parent / guardian safety contract will be signed and filed at school. A copy of this contract will also be kept in your science notebook as a reminder of safe classroom practices. When necessary safety considerations will be included on student handouts; they also will be given orally at the start of each activity.

- I will act responsibly at all times in the classroom. I understand that horseplay, jokes, and pranks are not appropriate in a science classroom.
- I will follow all instructions, written and verbal, about the laboratory procedures given by the teacher.
- I will not touch any equipment or supplies until instructed to do so by the teacher.
- I will perform only those activities that have been authorized by the teacher. I will never do anything that is not called for by the procedure. **I understand that unauthorized experiments are forbidden.**
- I will keep my table and the area around it clean and neat.
- I will wear my safety goggles whenever we are working with chemicals or heat. **I understand that there are no exceptions to this rule.**
- I will immediately notify the teacher of any emergency.
- I will tie back long hair and baggy clothes while doing a laboratory activity.
- I know whom to contact for help in case of an emergency.
- I will not take anything out of the classroom without permission from the teacher.
- I will never eat, drink, or chew gum in the classroom unless instructed to do so by the teacher. I will not use classroom equipment as containers for food or drink.
- I will only handle living organisms when authorized to do so by the teacher.