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**FLOUR SACK BABY PROJECT**

**Objective:** The purpose of this project is to demonstrate that a parent has the responsibility to care for and protect his/her children at all times. Being responsible for someone other than oneself is a daunting task that is not to be taken lightly. A parent must provide the necessary things for their child such as food, shelter, safety, and love in order for that child to grow up healthy and strong. During the course of the week, students will be "caring" for their infant 24/7 and will also be researching various health situations they may encounter with their child.

**For the next seven days, you will be completing the following project:**

* Today, you will find out the sex of your "baby". Over the weekend, you will obtain a 5 or 10 pound sack of flour and wrap it in plastic, duct tape, or pantyhose to help secure the bag. **Put your name on the bottom of the flour sack.** If you draw twins, you may use two small bags of flour for the project, as twins are commonly smaller at birth.
* The sack of flour **must be wrapped** in a piece of cloth or clothing. It must have a face either drawn on, glued on, or attached to it. Hats or fake hair are optional.
* Your baby will have a name, a face, at least one set of clothes, and a carrier. such as a box, a sling, or a baby carrier. **NO STROLLERS!!!!** There is not room in the halls between classes for strollers.
* The baby is to be cared for at all times. You are responsible for your "child's" safety. If you cannot watch the baby, you must get a babysitter. However, your baby cannot be tended by someone else more than **FOUR TIMES** during the week of the project. Babysitters **must be paid** a minimum of $\_\_\_\_per hour. You must fill out the Babysitting Forms to be included in your folder. Points will be deducted for unattended babies. Flour sack babies are not to be left at school-ever!
* **You are responsible** for checking your child into your teacher's "nursery" every hour. Every teacher has been given a **Nursery Log** that you are to sign **every day!** They have been asked to designate a space in their classroom for you to put your child during class. I will be collecting the Nursery Log at the end of the last day of our project and will calculate your score for that part of the project.
* Any damage to the "baby" or mistreatment (tossing, punching, abandonment, etc.) will be considered child abuse and you will lose project points.
* **Daily journals need to be kept** of "activities" you would do with your child were he/she a real baby.
* You will make a baby book to turn in at the end of the project. It will include the child's **Birth Certificate**, the **Babysitting Forms**, seven **Daily Journals**, daily **Childcare Exercises** that we will do in class, and a **report** over the Birth Defect, Congenital Condition, or Childhood Illness you will encounter with your child during the course of the week. You may also include any pictures you may have taken of/with your child during the week.
* On any early morning of your choosing, you will be **required to email me at 2:00** in the morning giving me the condition of your baby. Babies commonly do not sleep through the night, so you will receive points for acknowledging that. My email is **susan.thompson@owasso.k12.ok.us**.
* **This is a 300 point project, so please take it seriously**. If you act irresponsibly with your baby (throwing it at others, emptying contents, poking holes in it, etc.), you will be excluded from the assignment and given a "0" grade.
* After the project, the flour sack is to be immediately taken home or given to your FACS teacher for use in the classroom. **No flour is to be left at school and no flour sacks are to be torn open or thrown! If you take your baby home, your parent must sign your last day log telling me that the baby arrived home safely!**
* Monday, October 14th is the last day you will have your baby at school and all **paperwork is due \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** I will give you a rubric to use so you will know how the project will be scored.

This will be a fun project, but not necessarily an easy one! I hope you will get a small taste of what a huge responsibility parenting is and will decide to wait until you are prepared physically, emotionally, socially, and morally before taking that responsibility on.