

TITLE: "Egg Baby" Parenting
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Nogales, AZ
Room 204

GRADE LEVEL: EIGHTH

SUBJECT: Religion

OVERVIEW:

The purpose of this project is to allow students to experience some of the responsibilities that are involved not only in the care of human "babies", but also parenting itself. Prior the distribution of raw eggs, students will be assigned different roles as far as jobs, marital status, and place of residence (Sonora or Arizona). They will research on wages according to job descriptions, housing, medical expenses, and an itemized budget for the baby's needs (i.e. food, diapers, medical services, etc.). The following guidelines are given for the success in this activity:

OBJECTIVE(s):

1. The student will be able to express in writing feelings and conditions of being a parent on a daily basis.
2. The student will express the positive/negative experiences verbally at the end of the project.
3. Identify responsibilities that parents have in taking care and raising children.
4. Describe the process of preparation in planning and creating their "egg" human babies.

RESOURCES/MATERIALS: Eggs (provided by teacher), imagination, creativity of design, and budget for baby's needs before and after birth.

ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES:

1. The project begins on Monday, at the beginning of Religion class and ends at the end of Religion class on Friday of that same week.
Each day at the beginning of class there will be a 10 points worth "egg" check
Your "egg" must remain in good condition. (These checks are worth 25 points. Thus, you need to take this seriously!)
2. Remember these are your children. They are very young and can never be left unattended. If you do leave them alone during this activity for any reason, you will lose 2 points per minute.
3. You will receive 10 points for your parent's signature at the bottom of this form. By signing this form, your parents are indicating that they have read it and are ready to assist you as "egg" grandparents.
4. On the last day of this project, class time will be given for a oral evaluation of your experiences during this project. The title for this will be "Egg Baby Parenting -- What did I Learn from Caring for mine?" This will be worth 35 pints of your total and needs to be in a binder/scrap book and this form.
5. This form must be with your "egg" during each check, and it must be kept in a neat, clean, and good condition. This is worth 15 points of your total.

6. If the baby egg cracks or break during this period, it must be taken to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to prevent the baby's death (egg empties completely). In that case you will lose the remaining points depending on the stage of the project. This might bring your grade down to a D or F.
7. Please remember, Mrs. Leon is not an unreasonable person. (Well....at most times she is not unreasonable!) If you run into any difficulties or problems during the course of this project please come and talk to her.

Egg check # 1	5/25	_____	points (5 possible)
Egg check # 2	5/25	_____	points (5 possible)
Egg check # 3	5/25	_____	points (5 possible)
Egg check # 4	5/25	_____	points (5 possible)
Egg check # 5	5/25	_____	points (5 possible)
Parent signature--		_____	points (25 possible)
"Egg Baby - What..?"		_____	points (35 possible)
Condition - Handout		_____	points (15 possible)
Total		_____	points (100 total possible)

* I have read this handout and understand that my child needs to have his/her "egg" ready to begin life on Monday, Month /Day. (No hard boiled eggs. PLEASE.)

Parent Signature _____

NOTE: "Egg Babies" may be decorated or given whatever necessities you feel necessary to make your "baby" more real.

Procedure

Congratulations! You are the proud parent of a newborn baby egg!

1. First, think of a name for your new baby. Your egg might be a boy or a girl.
2. Build a crib for your newborn baby. You can decorate the outside of it, and write your baby's name on the crib. Be sure to put lots of tissue inside of the crib to keep your baby from getting broken.
3. Once you receive your baby, decorate it. Give it eyes, a nose, and a mouth. You can even glue hair on it! When you are done, place your baby in its crib.
4. Keep a good eye on your baby. You will take it everywhere you go for the next 5 days, even the playground.
5. Be very careful with your baby. It is fragile and will break easily. You don't want your baby to break!
6. At night, put your baby in the refrigerator to get some rest. It must stay cool overnight.
7. When you wake up, take your baby from the refrigerator, and be sure to bring it back to school. Your teacher will want to check on your baby daily.

Reflection

Name: _____

Congratulations! You made it through your 5 days as an egg parent.
Answer the following questions.

1. Do you think it was hard taking care of your baby? Why or why not?

2. What was the hardest part of taking care of your baby?

3. Do you think you were a good parent? Why or why not?

4. Did you ever leave your baby anywhere?

Show at least one picture of your baby on an adventure with you.