

Teen Living
Flour Sack Baby Project

Dear Parents/Guardians:

During the week of **December 5th - 9th**, your students' Teen Living class will be carrying "Flour Sack Babies." The focus of this activity in the curriculum is centered on preventing teenage pregnancy and developing an awareness of the responsibilities and demands of parenthood. Too many teenagers are becoming pregnant and dropping out of school. The goal is to reduce those numbers through early intervention and awareness and this activity is one step toward that goal.

Your student will be responsible for bringing one

10-pound sack of flour, DUE ON: Thursday, November 17th.

I will provide all other materials to complete this assignment.

(Note: Two 5-pound sacks of flour may substituted for the 10-pound bag. However, your student would be required to care for both "twins" in the same manner. If your student wishes to use a doll instead of the flour sack, they may do so as long as the baby is weighted down to be 10 pounds. However, they may NOT use stuffed "animals". It must be a human baby.)

Your student may bring in their flour sack early and I will store them in my classroom if they wish. If they do not have their flour sack on the day it is due, they will be responsible for constructing their flour sack baby at home.

The students are responsible for the care of the "flour sack baby" at all times. It is to be considered a newborn infant and never left unattended. Please encourage your student to take this assignment seriously in order for it to be an effective assignment.

Another major goal of this assignment is to learn about and prevent child abuse. If you observe your student not caring for his/her baby in an appropriate manner, please make a note of it and report it to me. Again, I am very grateful for your help with this activity and appreciate your willingness to make it a worthwhile learning experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at **(435)-633-1695** or email me at **laura.schiers@washk12.org**.

Thanks again for your cooperation!

Sincerely,



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