

MAKE A SAFETY POSTER

ASSIGNMENT

This is the directions and rubric that I give to my students for their beginning of the year Safety Poster assignment. This is a great assignment for a few reasons: it makes for perfect classroom décor early in the school year and for Back to School night, it really drives home the Safety Rules because students are surrounded by them hanging around the classroom, it gives you a chance to read students' writing early on in the school year, and it's an easy grade for which most students do well- a great way to start out the school year!

Before handing out this activity, I print and give each student 2 copies of the [Flinn Scientific Student Safety Contract](#). On my ELMO (document camera), I go through the contract and highlight each of the most relevant rules for my classroom. I teach physical science, so some of the microscope rules and other rules about working with living things are not relevant. As I highlight, the students are to highlight the same rules on both copies of their own contracts.

After discussing each rule (referring back to the Gummy Bear Demo as I describe in my blog), I hand out the directions for this project. That night's homework is to bring home the contracts to have both signed by a parent or guardian and to pick their top three choices for rules to use for the Safety Poster assignment. The next day, I collect one copy of the contract and the other copy is to stay in the students' folders. I also 'pick sticks' (popsicle sticks with students' names written on them) to have people tell me which rule they would like to use. I write down the names on my contract and try to avoid anyone in one class doubling up until necessary!




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Working in the lab is a fun and dynamic business. But it's too easy to forget a lab safety rule and create a dangerous situation! Therefore, it's important that we have constant reminders of the Lab Safety Rules that we have discussed.

 For this assignment, you will be creating a one-page poster to highlight one of the Safety Rules from the Safety Contract. You could choose to create a split-page "Do" and "Don't Do" with pictures of someone being safe versus unsafe, or you could draw what could happen if someone were being unsafe. It's up to you! You have creative freedom with how you choose to showcase your rule, as long as it's visual and obvious!

 Remember that diagrams in science are should always be *labeled*. Please label any lab equipment that appears on your safety poster.

 On the back of your mini-poster, you will need to write out your answers to the following questions. Please write in complete sentences:

-  State the rule
-  Explain during what situations the rule applies
-  Explain what could happen if the rule is not obeyed
-  Explain how you would handle an accident if it occurred



SAFETY POSTER RUBRIC

Poster Requirement:

State the rule & number from Safety Contract: _____ / 10 points

Colorful, labeled diagram depicting the rule: _____ / 10 points

Written Requirement:

State the rule: _____ / 5 points

During what situations the rule applies: _____ / 5 points

What can happen if the rule is not obeyed: _____ / 5 points

How would you handle an accident if it occurred: _____ / 5 points

Total points: _____ / 40 points