



## GUIDELINES FOR PARENTAL HELP

We hope the following suggestions will be helpful as your child develops his or her science project:

1. Please remember that the most important ingredient in any science fair project is the sense of accomplishment a student feels when a project has been successfully completed. Do not worry about the project's performance at a science fair. If strengthened scientific thinking and research skills and increased knowledge have occurred, then a prize has truly been won.
2. Although it is to be the student's effort, there is no substitute for a parent's support.
3. Areas in which a parent's assistance may be necessary and welcomed include:
  - A. Being an interested listener.
  - B. Safety. Be sure that poisons, dangerous chemicals, and open fires are avoided.
  - C. Suggest project ideas that your child may choose to investigate.
  - D. Provide transportation to libraries, stores, nurseries, museums, or to any source of project information.
  - E. Technical work such as typing, help with computer graphics, and building or setting up equipment. (This must be noted in the acknowledgment section of the notebook).
  - F. Look over the project for good grammar, neatness, spelling, and accuracy.
  - G. Help the child to keep a record of all he or she does and a list of references used.
  - H. Realize that a good project doesn't have to cost a lot of money but will take a lot of effort.

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**Please sign below to indicate that you have read and understood the information in this packet.**

If you have questions regarding the science fair project please contact your child's science teacher.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

★ If my child is eligible to participate in the Orange County Science & Engineering Fair, my child would like to participate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_