The Rice Baby project is an optional family life project, which counts as one or two weeks of homework credit. Participation in the project does not guarantee credit for this assignment, as all rules of the project must be followed to qualify for points.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:
ONE 10 POUND BAG OF RICE OR BEANS. (or any “baby” that weighs 10 pounds)
Daily Journal

Optional materials:
Baby clothes and/or other doll parts
(Please consult with your parents and sisters or brothers before dismantling their favorite little friend!!)

Many students have no idea what it means to be responsible for another delicate being 24 hours a day. I hope this project will give participating students some idea of what an incredible responsibility it is to be a parent. In reality this project DOES NOT EVEN RELATE to a real life situation, as the rice baby doesn’t cry, poop, drool, spit-up or any of the other wonderful things babies do. But, even though this baby doesn’t need to be fed or changed, I hope the week or two spent in charge of this little bag of grain will give the student a bit of a glimpse into the life of a parent.

RULES TO FOLLOW:
- All babies must weigh at least 10 pounds. Under weight babies will be confiscated.
- All students must keep a daily journal of their experience, and this journal, once complete, is the only way students will receive credit for this activity.
- All rice bags must be wrapped thoroughly with firm tape (duct tape works great).
- The rice bag must have the student’s name, teacher, and period written on it.
- The rice babies may not cause a distraction in any other class. Any teacher has a right to confiscate the baby if it is causing a disruption.
- The baby is the student’s responsibility, and may not be left for more than one hour with the same person on any one day. This means if the student goes shopping, or to the movies, the rice baby goes too!
- Each time the baby is confiscated at school, it will be returned to room 308, and the student will lose 10 points. If Mrs. Blakemore sees the same baby twice, the student’s participation in this project is over, and the baby will be held until the last week of school.
- ANY STUDENT NOT WILLING TO FOLLOW THESE RULES SHOULD NOT TAKE ON THIS PROJECT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!