

# Egg Babies

Personal responsibility is often limited to frequent daily tasks and chores at this age level. However, one fun way to explore the responsibilities that parents have is to practice taking care of an “egg baby”.

**Integrity Sub-Concept(s)**

Responsibility, Kindness

**Project Timeframe**

25-30 minutes

**Required Materials**

- 1 hard boiled egg for each student
- Sharpie marker to write names on eggs
- Materials to create egg pouches
- Band-aids (optional)

The goal of this project is to care for your “egg baby” for an entire school day while fully participating in school WITHOUT damaging your baby in any way.

**Instructions:**

- Explain that each student will become a mother or father for the entire day! We will be taking care of special egg babies to practice responsibility and ultimately show compassion and empathy for the people that helped take care of you as a baby.
- Each egg is hard boiled so there won’t be any mess if the egg accidentally drops. However, your baby’s shell will crack if you do not take extra special care of it. Dropping it, banging it, leaving it outside for too long, etc. will all cause damage to your little baby. BE CAREFUL.
- Brainstorm ways as a class to protect the egg babies throughout the day.
  - What does a baby need in order to be safe?
  - How can you be gentle and loving towards your egg baby today?
  - What part of our day might be particularly difficult for your egg baby? (P.E., recess, etc.)
  - What precautions can we take to help our egg babies during these dangerous times?
- Break the class up into 2 groups. At one station, ask the students to decorate their egg pouch for their baby. At the other station, allow students to use sharpies to draw a face and hair on their baby. Have them write the baby’s name and its parent’s initials on the back of the egg (just in case they misplace their baby). Give each student a band-aid as well, to patch up their egg baby, if anything happens (optional).
- Once every student has an egg baby in its pouch, continue with your day as usual. In the beginning, it may be helpful to remind your class not to forget their babies. However, as your day progresses, try to remind them less and less. Check in periodically with the entire class during major transitions, such as recess, specials, lunch, etc.
- At the end of the day, check in with the class. How did your baby fare? Did any babies get cracked? If so, what happened? Did you accidentally forget your baby anywhere? Was it hard to remember your new little loved one?

If any students report struggling with their egg baby, remind them not to worry! Real mothers and fathers have 9 whole months to prepare for their babies. Even then, they still don't do everything perfectly on the first day. Students should give themselves a pat on the back for being responsible for their little one as best as they could!



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