**Home Laundry Assignment**

Note to Parent/ Guardian:

The Home Economics 8 course is designed to provide students with life skills so that they can become more independent. Your child has recently been learning about how to care for their clothing. These lessons have focussed on reading clothing labels, stain removal and general laundry procedures. Each student is now being asked to go home and complete this assignment at a time that is convenient for you within the next few weeks. If your child is already doing laundry on a regular basis, please check him/her off as each step is completed. If your child has limited or no experience, would you please demonstrate the proper use of your own machine.

To complete this assignment your son or daughter will need to collect, sort, wash and put away a minimum of **3 loads** of laundry in **one** day by themselves. If you are not comfortable with them washing the clothing for others in the house then they should collect bedding or towels that might need to be washed.

Students will receive credit for the assignment when they hand in the back of this form signed by you but to make it more fun for you I am giving you an opportunity to mark them using the following system:

P = Proficient and able to complete without any support

C = Competent and capable with minimal support

D – Developing the skill and still require assistance

Once your child has completed this assignment we encourage them to continue to take responsibility for their own laundry and use this life skill.

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely C. Jennens

**SORTING THE LAUNDRY**

A. I sorted the laundry by color \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. I sorted the laundry by fabric and construction   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. I sorted the laundry by degree of soil. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. I avoided risk of damage to items by being sure to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Empty pockets
* Shake out loose dirt from cuffs
* Close zippers, hooks, and eyes, etc.
* Tie strings and cords loosely to avoid tangling
* Remove belts, pins or trims that are not washable

**WASHING AND BLEACHING**

A. I pretreated any stains found on the clothes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. I added the detergent before the washer filled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. I used the correct amount of detergent.   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

D. I selected the correct wash cycle for the laundry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E. I did not overload the washer with clothes, etc. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

F. When using bleach or fabric softener, I added the proper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

amount at the correct time

**DRYING AND IRONING**

1. I took the clothes out of the washing machine promptly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and shook out the clothes

1. I checked the clothes to be sure the stains were removed  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. I cleaned out the lint filter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. I did not overload the dryer.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. I did not over dry the clothes (causes shrinking and wrinkling)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. I placed clothes on hangers or folded them and put them away  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. I ironed clothes as needed, using the recommended heat setting. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Students Name : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent /Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_