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2. Never reach across a flame.
3. Immediately notify your teacher if any chemical gets on your skin or clothing to find out what to do to clean it off.
4. Never look directly into a test tube when mixing or heating chemicals.
5. Always point a test tube away from you and others when heating it over a flame or other heat source.
6. Never smell a chemical directly from the container. Wave your hand over the opening of the container and “waft” the fumes towards your nose.
7. Never taste a chemical unless you are instructed by your teacher to do so.
8. Always clean up your work area and equipment after an experiment is completed. Equipment must be returned to its proper place.
9. Read and follow all directions exactly as they are written. If in doubt, ask your teacher for help!
10. Never mix chemicals (or perform tests) without your teacher’s permission.
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12. Never run (or push someone else) in the lab. (I let the kids know this rule applies at all times!)
13. Keep lids on bottles and containers when not in use.
14. Never use broken or chipped glassware.
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