

Mrs. Klenke :

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My name is Mary ~~W~~, I am Hallie ~~W~~ mother. I have 4 children, Hallie and her twin brother William are my youngest. I have never contacted a teacher like this regarding an assignment but I really felt led to do so.

Hallie explained the baby project to me before hand, and we had a conversation to get her prepared. She also explained the random chart process, that all students had to chose, in order to get the baby experience that was to be for them in particular.

Hallie and I quickly realized that she obviously had randomly chosen one of the more difficult baby experiences on the chart. To me this was so very realistic and reminisant of my experience as a mother (single mother for many of those years). All four of my children had colic and seemed to at times be inconsolable. It was so very difficult, trying, and stretched my patience to it's very limits. My

oldest daughter, who is 21, came over this weekend and commented that "Hallie's baby" was over the top and not realistic. Needless to say, she has no children, and doesn't understand what the experience can entail. My reason for writing you is to let you know how proud I am of Hallie and to say what an incredible job that I feel like she did. I would never try to influence a grade, but I could not just keep this to myself. Hallie was patient to no end, she didn't get hardly any sleep the entire weekend yet kept at it, not giving up. She put the baby first, yet was still able to get her own chores, homework, tasks completed. Hallie did have a baby that was very very difficult, but from this mom's experience... that was exactly what I went through and was a great real life example. It's not fun and games, it's not cute, and it's infinitely no joke to have, care for,

and raise a baby. I started in my 20's, and still felt a bit ill prepared. This program and project is so great for teens to know and understand the full extent of parenthood.

Although Hallie did extremely well and I couldn't be more proud. She also saw just how hard it is and that you should not do this until you are old enough, mature enough, financially stable, and fully ready. As ready as you can be.

I ended up with the flu this weekend and all I was able to do was just talk with Hallie about what she was experiencing. Being totally on her own was a great experience, as alot of Moms are Single Mothers.

Thank you,

Wendy
Mother of Hallie