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INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK**

What's Wrong With This Story?

The following story includes many broken rules of laboratory safety. **Highlight** each broken rule as you read; then write a corresponding safety rule on the next page.

A Day in the Lab

Huey, Dewey, and Louie were eager to begin their Mystery Powder Lab. They brought their lunch over to the lab with them because they had not eaten a proper breakfast and were starving. They figured they could eat while they were performing the lab since the lab tables looked somewhat like lunch tables. As they were eating their snacks, Huey, Dewey, and Louie skimmed the lab directions and then sent Huey over to the supply table to get the three mystery powders. Huey was so excited he ran over and began placing powders on his testing paper. Huey could not remember which spoon went with which mystery powder, so he just placed three spoons in the middle of the table and ran back to his group, running into Samantha on the way.

Dewey was sure that mystery powder C was sugar so he placed some on his finger and tasted it. Boy was he surprised! Louie thought for sure the way to determine what the powders were, was to smell them. He took a big whiff and some of the powder went up his nose and caused him to let out a gigantic sneeze. Needless to say, this sneeze was right over the mystery powders and the powders went flying everywhere. The three did their best to separate the powders into their original piles and then continued on with their testing. Unfortunately, they forgot

to clean up the powder that had landed all over their lab table and on the floor.

Huey was using the magnifying lens to observe the textures, when Dewey "accidentally" bumped him. Huey dropped the lens into the sink and it broke. While they were attempting to clean up the broken glass, Louie cut his finger. They did not tell the teacher because they knew how mean she was and they did not want to get yelled at. After spending many minutes cleaning up the blood, they forgot about the glass in the sink and left it there.

Dewey was adding iodine to the powders when he reached across Huey's binder and spilled some all over Huey's papers. While they were trying to clean up this mess, the binder fell on the floor and ALL of Huey's papers were spread across the lab area. Just then, the teacher told them they had 3 minutes to clean up. They did a quick pick-up of Huey's papers and left for lunch. Boy were they sad, when the teacher had to take them from the front of the lunch line to go back to class to clean up their lab area. By the time they got back to lunch, they only had 5 minutes to eat. What a great day they had in science!