



## Rules for Journal Keeping

- ◆ If you are handwriting your journal, please write neatly and use pen for your final copy.
- ◆ If you are completing the online journal, you should sign and date it by hand after printing your final copy. If you would like Mrs. Binau to print it at school, please ask her to print it by Tuesday, March 17. It will be printed in black and white. If you want it printed in color, you will need to print it at home. When completing your online journal, you must **sign and date it** by hand after printing.
- ◆ Make notes each day about the things you do and learn while working on your invention.
- ◆ Record your idea and how you got it.
- ◆ Write about problems you encounter and how you solve them.
- ◆ Add sketches and drawings to make things clear.
- ◆ List all parts, sources, and cost of materials.
- ◆ Date all entries at the time they are made.
- ◆ You may keep a “rough draft journal” during the process, but will need to transfer the information to the official Invention Convention journal before the competition.
- ◆ Use complete sentences in your journal.

## Naming the Invention

An invention can be named in one of the following ways:

- ◆ **Using the inventor’s name:**
  - Levi Strauss = Levi jeans
  - Louis Braille = Braille alphabet system for the blind
- ◆ **Using the components or ingredients of the invention:**
  - Root beer, peanut butter
- ◆ **Using initials or acronyms:**
  - IBM, SCUBA
- ◆ **Using word combinations (notice repeated consonant sounds/rhyming words):**
  - Hula Hoop, Pudding Pops, Kit Kat, Cap’n Crunch
- ◆ **Using the product’s function:**
  - Earmuffs, hairbrush, Swiffer