

Baby Project Review

On the day I planned to take the baby home, I was also moving from my dad's apartment to my mom's. I had been busy on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, leaving Thursday as my only time to move. Along with having to move, Thursday was also a troublesome day to bring home the baby since I had a math test, a health presentation, and a Mandarin quiz on the day after. Since I was moving I had all of my belongings and my backpack, so my mom called a car service to pick me up from school. The driver was understanding of the child, which I was grateful for, and the baby didn't cry during the drive, so the trip thankfully was quite peaceful. Once I got home, however, I realized this peace was short-lived.

The baby first cried at 6PM, while I was finishing my health presentation. It was surprising to hear it cry for the first time, but the baby was very easy to deal with. Even though the baby was easy to take care of, it was incredibly tedious. I had spent the majority of my time from 6PM to 10PM feeding and burping the baby, interrupting my studies. I had managed to finish the health presentation by 9PM but I was almost unable to study Mandarin or math. Even more detrimental was the fact that the baby woke me up at 5AM and I only got around four hours of sleep.

Once I had to go back to school and return the baby, I had less weight and I chose to take the subway. I was surprised by how little people noticed my child; I was fully expecting to at least get judgemental glances or people avoiding me, but it seemed like no one cared that I had a baby. Once I got back to school and I turned in the baby, I had to take the math test. Even though I knew the material, not getting enough sleep led me not being able to focus on the test and making many arithmetic mistakes. Overall having the baby was a fun experience, but it was too time consuming for my schedule as a student. I might consider having a real baby, but not until I graduate from this highly competitive academic environment and don't have to worry about college.