

SCIENCE CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS AND RULES

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Website: My website provides a biweekly agenda and topic summary, homework due dates, study tips, links to online support, and more!

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Science Expectations and Procedures

It is a pleasure to be teaching 6th and 7th grade science this year. I look forward to working with such a fine group of young people and their families. Please contact me any time you have a question or concern. I hope the following information will help all of us have a successful year of science!

During the first week of school, our focus is on creating a positive learning environment. After a whole class brainstorm on teamwork and self-responsibility, students will engage in reinforcement activities. Some of the skills we will utilize are being patient, kind, tolerant, reliable, considerate, cooperative, respectful, and self-responsible. We will also discuss the importance of making eye contact, using a kind tone of voice, listening and focusing on the speaker, being self-disciplined and motivated, putting forth one's best effort, organization skills, and being prepared. Student scientists are expected to put those positive teamwork skills to work daily in our classroom. They are also expected to accept the consequences of their actions. Students who have demonstrated the inability to follow teacher and/or administrator directions, noncompliance with the Secondary Handbook, school/classroom rules, any form of violence, or disruptiveness to a positive learning environment, will receive a consequence. By participating appropriately students will be well on their way to a successful year.

Rules for Science Safety: Due to the nature of our science lab/classroom there are some specific rules everyone must follow.

- Never tip on chairs or stand on the runners.
- Do not write on tables, etc. with anything including erasers.
- Hands to self always.
- Use equip., lab supplies, and specimens with care and only as directed by your teacher.
- Never put any classroom materials (food or water for labs) in mouth, hands, face, eyes, etc. or on anyone else and never drink from classroom glassware. No food, sport drinks, flavored water, etc. is allowed in our classroom . However, students may have **plain water in a water bottle.**
- Always wear safety goggles, do not remove them until you teacher gives you permission.
- Always wash your hands with soap and water after a lab—even if you are not asked
- No running or horse-play
- Mind your personal space and that of others
- Carry scissors properly and take extreme care when cutting and handling sharp tools or objects.
- Take turns, no grabbing
- Always follow directions exactly!



Student scientist classroom participation:

- Be seated in assigned seat, with science notebook/binder & supplies, at the bell, and BRING A PENCIL DAILY!!!!
- Take care of business (restroom/drinks) between classes when possible.
- Enter the room quietly and orderly.
- Follow the lesson agenda and teacher directives, get to work immediately, do not argue or challenge
- Work quietly during independent and group activities.
- Raise your hand and wait patiently to be called upon, add comments or ask questions that enrich the class discussion and your own understanding, refrain from sarcasm, rude or negative comments, or off topic remarks/questions
- Keep Hands on one's own property only.

- Always get permission, a signed pass, and sign out on the clipboard before leaving the room.
- Ask your teacher for help when needed academically and/or with classmates
- Hand in work complete and on time. With your name neatly written on the top of the page. Also, make up missed work in a timely manner (late work will be penalized)
- Write/print as neatly as possible, do not doodle on assignments, stick to the necessary scientific information.
- Stay focused on the task.
- When emailing the teacher, please use polite language and a respectful tone (your teacher may not be able to respond immediately, plan on 24 hrs)
- **No** trapper keepers, large bags, satchels, purses, messenger bags, string backpacks, or backpacks are allowed in class.
- Cell phones remain off and in your locker during class.
- Mind your personal space with your tablemates, and while moving around the room during labs and activities
- Use polite language please, thank you, excuse me...

Topics we will be studying: Students will be studying a variety of topics within the 3 main branches of science-- Earth & Space, Life, and Physical Science, this year. For more details please visit my website or investigate the topics listed in the Table of Contents in your textbook.

GRADES

Students are graded on a percentage basis as discussed in the Secondary Student Handbook. Students earn grades in several ways including tests, quizzes, homework, in-class assignments, lab activities, and projects. I will store student textbooks in my classroom. However, students may take their books home anytime! They must, however, bring it back the next school day. While I do not assign homework nightly, there are often opportunities for students to review vocabulary or study for a quiz. Students are always informed days ahead of tests and assessments so they can study and prepare. It is expected that students will put forth their best effort in preparation, follow-through, and timeliness for each graded assignment. Do

not expect extra credit or any retakes on any graded work. Please hand assignments in on time. Expect that for each day late, the grade will be penalized 10%. If absent, please make up work in a timely manner according to the Secondary Handbook to avoid losing points for late work. Please check the student planner and/or my web site for due dates, test information, etc. It is expected that you will use your planner to track daily work and due dates. Stay organized, come to class prepared, participate, and do your personal best!

Best wishes students and families for a great year of learning!