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With this newsletter I would like to introduce myself as your child’s 6th & 7th grade science teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. This year will be an exciting one for your children. We will be studying the scientific method, cells, the human body and much more!

The science department has a lot of plans to help your child have a productive year. My goal is to provide an environment that enables all my students to grow in knowledge. If you need to contact me please feel free to email me.

In order for your child to be successful this year, **it is very important that the students are present in class daily, prepared with all materials and homework and engaged in all assignments.**

I look forward to working with your children this year. I also look forward to meeting you and learning how I might be of help to you and your child.

**Your child's success is based on a TEAM EFFORT...teacher, student, and parents**

SUPPLY LIST:

Preparation is one of the keys to success. In an effort to ensure that the students remain organized they will need to bring the following materials to class *every* class period: (some supplies will stay in class)

* 1 3-ring binder with 3 dividers
* Small stapler (staples)
* USB (to store docs/data
* 2 packs of wide ruled paper
* Pens and pencils (Red & Blue ink)
* Glue sticks
* Small Scissor
* Hi-lighters, markers, box of color pencils
* Pocket dictionary/thesaurus

**The following list of items will be greatly appreciated and will help your child’s day run a little more smoothly.**

* box of tissues
* Antibacterial hand sanitizer/wipes
* Clorox wipes
* Stickers

**Supplies are due by August 30th & 31st, 2018**

 **(A/B Calendar)**

The use of some of the supplies such as, markers, glue, etc. will be collected and stay in the class in order to have them readily available . These supplies will be used for mini projects that will enrich and reinforce the lesson.

GRADING:

* Tests, essays, and major projects will be worth 30% of quarterly average
* Quizzes will be worth 25% of quarterly average
* Classwork will be worth 25% of quarterly average
* Participation will be worth 10% of quarterly average
* To-Do’s Online work 5% (tentative)
* Homework will be worth 5%

**Grading Scale:**

**100-90 A**

**89-80 B**

**79-70 C**

**69-60 D**

**59 and under F**

Classroom Guidelines

It is expected that every child comes to school ready to work each day. Certain things are expected of them once they are in class.

* Be in class seated and ready to work when the bell rings.
* Bring all books and materials to class.
* Follow all procedures and policies as outlined in school handbook.
* Treat each person in this class with respect and dignity.
* No gum, candy, sunflower seeds, drinks or food allowed in class.
* Pay attention and follow directions the first time they are given.
* Turn off all electronic devices.

Following guidelines will result in:

* Daily verbal praise and acknowledgement.
* A stress free learning environment.
* Pleasant and orderly classroom atmosphere.

NOT following guidelines will result in:

* 1ST violation: Warning and documentation.
* 2nd violation: Action plan and parental contact.
* 3rd violation: Detention will be given.
* 4th violation: Referral to administrator for further action.

*\* Any student who fights, damages school property or is disrespectful (as defined by teacher) is sent to the office immediately..*

Make-up work

**NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

All assignments are due the next class session unless otherwise stated. (Refer to agenda and website)

If the student has an excused absence, he/she will have until the next class session to turn in the assignment (at the beginning of class).

It is the student’s responsibility to inquire what assignments, activities, test or quiz were administered.

\*\*It is the student’s responsibility to make these arrangements. If a student has not made up the assignments within two days of their return to school, zero’s will be given for all assignments that needed to be made up.\*\*

Class Requirements

In addition to their science textbook, students are required to bring all items in the materials list to class daily.

**The notebook binder will be divided into 3 sections:**

* **Section 1:** class notes
* **Section 2:** templates
* **Section 3:** Vocabulary

HOMEWORK:

Homework increases responsibility by developing organization and study skills. It encourages independent learning while appropriately involving parents. It also promotes and supports the classroom curriculum while encouraging students to become lifelong learners.

* Homework will be assigned on a daily basis and is due on its designated due date.
* It is to be completed independently with support only when needed.
* As homework fosters responsibility, failure to return homework will result in a **zero.**
* All homework will be collected in the beginning of class and will not be accepted after the class has begun.

All quizzes and tests will be announced (verbally and written on the board.)

Pop quizzes may be given at any time based on previous night’s homework.

PLAGIARISM:

# Plagiarism, according to the [University of Maryland Code of Academic Integrity](http://www.studenthonorcouncil.umd.edu/code.html), is "intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise." Examples of acts that would be defined as plagiarism are:

1. Copying word for word, and neglecting to both enclose the words in quotation marks *and* to cite the source.
2. Summarizing or paraphrasing someone else's words or ideas and failing to cite the source.
3. Reproducing the organization or structure of another person's work and failing to cite it.
4. Any other act in which someone presents someone else's intellectual material as their own, whether it involves graphics, code, data, charts, etc.

**Plagiarism is a serious act of academic dishonesty which is not taken lightly at CGPA.**

Repercussions for a student who is caught plagiarizing.

1. Immediate referral to the Administration
2. Failing grade on the assignment
3. Student will be required to redo the assignment.



**PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN TO MS. D**

**BY THURSDAY/FRIDAY**

**AUG. 23rd/ 24th 2018**

I have read and understood the expectations, rules, and regulations as stated in the syllabus Science class.

**Student Printed Name:**

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**Student Signature:**

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**Parent/Guardian Name:**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature:**

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**Parent/Guardian Email:**

**Parent Cell Phone:**

Due to the technological component of our science program please verify if your child has access to a computer and Internet outside of school.

**Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

This syllabus will be posted on the school website and will remain there for entire school year.

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\*Please provide us any significant medical information for your child (i.e. allergies, asthma, diabetic, and so on)

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If you have any questions, comments or concerns please note them here so it can be addressed as soon as possible. Thank you!!

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