

Welcome back for another fun filled year of Science. Here are some things you should know as we begin a new year. Please read this over with your parents/guardians and sign the bottom. Return the sheet to me by Friday, September 15, 2017. There is a copy of this paper on my website and Google Classroom for your reference.

Science now incorporates three-dimensional learning, which is a blend of the content, science and engineering practices, and crosscutting concepts as modeled by the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards). This is our second year of the new NGSS curriculum. For more information, go to the parent's resource page on the NGSS website. <http://nextgenscience.org/parents>

Grading Policy

I use a total point system to compute marking period grades. Different types of assignments have different point values assigned to them.

- Assessment = 50 to 100 points
- Labs = 20 to 80 points
- Classwork = 10 to 50 points
- Homework = 5 to 15 points

How to compute a grade:

Add up the total points of all the assignments for the marking period. Add up the total points earned by a student. Divide the total points earned by a student by the total points for all the assignments; then multiply by 100.

Class & Team 7A Expectations

- Be on time and prepared: homework completed and all necessary materials are in class.
- Be in your seat ready to start at the bell.
- One person speaks at a time.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.
- Clean up all work materials before leaving class.

When these expectations are not followed you will receive a warning, a phone call home and a detention.

Materials you will need: a folder for Science ONLY and a pen or pencil

General Policies & Procedures

1. You should be in your seat and ready to start when the bell rings. You should pick up a "Science Talk Warm Up" and check the list on the board every day. Complete all necessary items.
2. Homework will be given 2 to 3 times per week. No late homework will be accepted. Homework not completed will count as a zero in your homework grade. Homework and homework worksheets are always available on my website. I will e-mail home for two or more missed homework assignments!
3. Projects, labs and activities will be accepted late but five percent of the total points will be deducted every day it is late.
4. Laboratory rules must be followed at all times to ensure student safety. Students who ignore safety rules could endanger themselves and others; they will not be permitted to participate in labs until behavior is improved. Students will be expected to make up the lab after school or receive a zero.

5. After an absence, it is the student's responsibility to ask the teacher about missing work and complete the work. Student's should expect to stay after school to make up labs and other assessments. Student's will have one day to make up work for each day of absence, e.g., if the absence is three days, then missing work must be submitted within three days.
6. Students will not be excused from class if they forget folders or homework in their locker. It is your responsibility to bring the necessary materials to class. If you do not have your materials, you will not be able to complete the classwork and may have to make it up afterschool.
7. Books – you will receive Science workbooks this year, the books only cover about half of our curriculum. Therefore, you can keep the books at home as a resource. We will not use them in class.
8. I will update grades on the "Parent Portal" once a week, usually every Monday. Please contact me with any questions concerning the "Parent Portal."
9. After school help is always available, just ask.

Any questions or concern please feel free to contact me. I am always available to help, just ask!

Thank you,
Mrs. Yodis

Student Name & Signature: _____

Parent/Guardians Name & Signature: _____
