

8th Grade Science 2023-2024

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Welcome to 8th grade science. I am excited to have you as part of my class and look forward to a wonderful year. In science this year, you will have many labs, projects, activities, reading assignments, written and oral presentations, brain challenges, and possibilities. Be prepared for lots of writing, paying attention to detail, asking questions and thinking.

Themes and Topics to be covered this year:

- Laboratory Safety and Equipment
- Gravity and Kinetic Energy
- Electromagnetic Force
- Chemical Interactions
- Waves
- The Solar System

Required Class Materials:

You will need a spiral notebook (please - not a composition book), binder paper, pens (blue, black), and pencils. A device that calculates, glue sticks, scissors and colored pencils are recommended but not required.

Assignments and Homework:

Assignments and homework will be checked daily. Most assignments will be done on paper. Missing or incomplete assignments must be completed, and late work will be accepted until the end of the 6-week grading period. If the assignment is in Google Classroom, an email must be sent to me to inform me that your assignment has been completed.

Grading:

Formative assessments (independent practice, group work, class work) and summative assessments (any measure of learning done as an individual: test, quiz, lab report, project, presentation) will be used to measure your learning. Summative assessments will be used to determine your overall science score. Scores in Aeries will be on a 4, 3, 2, 1 scale. A "4" means "Exceeds Standard," a "3" means "Meets Standard," a "2" means "Approaching Standard," and a "1" means "Standard Not Met." If you receive less than a "3" on a summative assessment, a redo is possible after communication with me.

Absences:

You, the student, are responsible for making up work that was missed during an absence. Please use the posted weekly planner, Jumprope, or Google Classroom to determine what assignments you have missed. You will have as many days as you were absent to make up the work. If you are an athlete, assignments must be turned in *before you leave* and you must get the work you will miss *before you leave*.

Questions:

I expect you to ask questions if you do not understand what I am discussing in class or if you do not understand what to do. I am available at lunch or after school if you would like to meet.

When in the classroom:

Food and Drinks: No food or drinks are allowed in the classroom unless I tell you that you can have them. Water may be brought to class to drink, but you must have permission first. You must clean up any spilled water. Gum is not allowed anywhere on campus.

Classroom Expectations:

- Please finish food and drinks before class.
- Please raise your hand and wait for permission to speak.
- Please keep hands, feet and other objects to yourself.
- Please get permission before leaving your seat.
- Please respect others.

I am looking forward to spending a great year with you.



Please show that you have read and understand this science class description by signing below and returning this page to Mrs. Eppolito by Friday, September 1, 2023.

Student Name: _____
(Please print)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(Please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____