

Welcome to 7th Grade Science

Mrs. Bachor Ms. Vance Ms. Cruise Mrs. Johnson

This is going to be a great year in Science! Not only will we be exploring many Science topics, but we will get the chance to have discussions, make observations, perform investigations and run experiments just like real scientists. We are excited to guide you along your way and hope that you are excited to learn! Soon you will see that science is FUN and you can succeed!

Please call us or send an e-mail whenever you have a question or concern.

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Grading Policy- We do not give grades, each student earns their grade. Each assignment has a point value, with accumulated points in each section having a weighted percentage.

Category Weights		Grade Scale	
Tests/Quizzes	40%	A	90-100%
Labs and Projects	40%	B	80-89%
Notebook (Classwork, Homework, Notes)	20%	C	70-79%
		D	60-69%
		F	59% and below

If you think your teacher made a mistake on a grade, you must let them know immediately. Please keep all graded assignments in case we make a mistake (We're not perfect! 😊)

Homework/ Class work- Typically, we do not assign weekly homework. Homework will include completing any assignments that were not finished in class. We recommend that you, and your child check Haiku weekly for the updated table of contents and verify that your child has completed the assignments for the week.

Grading of Class work- Classwork will be peer checked for completion on a regular basis. Students will be informed (at least one class prior) of an upcoming folder check. Grades will be marked as complete, incomplete, or blank/missing. At this time, your child can complete/revise any incomplete or missing assignments and resubmit them BEFORE the next folder check for additional credit. NO resubmissions will be accepted after the following folder check.

Folder Quizzes- In addition to peer checks for completion, students will be given regular "open" folder quizzes. The purpose of these quizzes is to check for detail/accuracy in student work.

Labs/ Projects – Will be collected, graded and returned to students with feedback. No revisions will be accepted for labs/projects. We recommend that your child keeps all labs/projects in their folder during the unit.

Assessments- Will always be announced and given on a regular basis. Preparation is the responsibility of each student.

Teacher Absences- If there is ever a problem with a substitute, the student(s) will write a letter of apology either individually (if named by the substitute), or as a Class (if the Class is disrespectful in any way). In addition, they will receive a drop in their Citizenship grade.

Absences- Students should check the class Haiku webpage for any work they missed. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO MAKE UP ANY MISSED WORK IN A TIMELY MANNER (FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES YOU HAVE THE NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT TO MAKE UP THE WORK).**

Attendance- A student is tardy if they are not in their seat & ready to work when the bell rings!

Lab Absences- Due to the set up and materials, not all labs can be made up in the classroom. If you are absent during a lab, and if that lab cannot be made up in the classroom, you will be required to do an “alternate lab” from the list provided on Haiku.

Lab Responsibilities Inappropriate behavior during any lab will not be tolerated. Students who violate the lab safety expectations, will be given a “lab safety ticket”. Depending on the severity, consequences may include the deduction of lab points, referral to the office and no credit on the lab, and exclusion from future labs.

Behavior Consequences- warnings will be administered in the following order:

- a. Verbal warning- (Citizenship not marked)
- b. 1-2 minute after class one on one discussion (Citizenship not marked)
- c. 30 minute lunch detention and parent email home. Students will write a behavior reflection during this time and/or do something constructive to benefit the school or the classroom. (Citizenship marked).
- d. Referral to the front office. (Citizenship marked).

**We reserve the right to alter the above consequence order depending on each unique situation.

Materials Required EVERYDAY (This list is also posted on my Haiku page)

- ✓ 3 ring binder (may be a “shared” binder which has divider tabs for each class or a separate binder for science, if preferred)
- ✓ College ruled paper
- ✓ 1 Day Planner (provided by school or any size/color calendar)
- ✓ Pencils, lead, and erasers
- ✓ Pencil sharpener (not electric) with box to collect shavings
- ✓ Highlighter
- ✓ Pens (any color)

Classroom Wish List:

- ✓ Disinfecting wipes (to clean desk tops)
- ✓ Tissues

I have read this letter with my son/daughter and we understand the expectations and requirements for the 7th Grade Science Class.

Student Name _____ Per _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature & Print Name(s) _____

Email: _____

Daytime phone: _____

I give permission for _____ to have their picture taken during labs and posted on the Haiku page (2019-2020) .

_____ (parent signature)

If there are any special circumstances regarding your child, which you would like your child's teacher to be aware of, please write a short message in the space below. Thank you!
