



Welcome to Science

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Class Description: Our class objective is to have an exemplary year exploring Science using Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), STEMscopes, and other materials as our guide. This course will cover topics such as life science, physics, chemistry, space, and Earth science.

In this class students will learn the process of a formal lab write-up, critical thinking skills, lab procedures, and analytical skills. Students will learn through a variety of methods and challenges. Projects enable students to have choices in products as well as make connections with other academic disciplines. A more complete listing of topics can be found in the course overview in this packet.

Class Supplies: BRING THESE WITH YOU EVERY CLASS PERIOD!!

- Composition notebook
- Pocket folder with brads
- Pencils
- Pens (black, blue, red)
- Colored pencils (NO MARKERS)
- Highlighter
- Scissors
- Glue bottle or glue sticks
- Planner

Student Expectations:

1. Arrive on time with appropriate materials.
2. Be seated and working on the warm-up when class starts.
3. Respect others and yourself.
4. Do your part to prevent class disruptions.
5. Listen attentively when others are talking.
6. Take notes, participate in activities and discussions, and follow instructions for each activity.

Absent or missing notes?

My website is updated on a regular basis with class notes, homework assignments and other information. Get in the habit of checking it often and bookmark it! Students are responsible

for checking the assignment calendar to find out what assignments were missed and getting any work from the teacher or website.

Note taking:

Students will need to take notes. An established system is in place so that students can learn a proper way to take notes. If students need to review notes again, they will be posted in the assignments section of my website, usually in the form of a power point presentation.

Grading Policy:

Classwork	40%
Homework	10%
Unit Project/Test	40%
9 Weeks Exam	10%

Late work or Missing work:

Late work will be accepted and penalty points deducted as follows, per ACA grading policy:

Not turned in at the beginning of class on the due date	- 10 points
Turned in the NEXT DAY	- 10 points
Turned in the NEXT CLASS period	- 50 points
Turned in after the above deadlines	grade of 0

Late work will not be accepted for a grade at the end of the quarter. All assignments must be turned in before the current unit's final assessment to receive credit. Any classwork/homework grade below 70 can be corrected and turned in to raise the grade to a 70. Tests may be corrected and students will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the original point value per corrected question.

Tutoring times:

7:45 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. Monday through Friday – Homework Help. 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. by invitation only. When I have morning/afternoon duty, you will be able to attend tutoring with one of the other Science teachers.

Science labs and activities:

Science class is a unique learning environment that allows students to embrace the discipline with hands-on opportunities. I work very hard to provide a learning environment that is both engaging and safe. Students are taught lab safety skills and are expected to follow these rules as well as lab procedures at all times. If at any time I feel that a student is not following procedures or other safety rules, they may be removed from the lab setting. Repeated infractions may incur academic or disciplinary consequences.

Final note:

I am looking forward to having a fun and exciting school year with each of you. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Email is the best method of contact. If we work together, I know it will be a successful year!