

Welcome to 8th grade Science with Mr. Bumgardner

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Coop8th.weebly.com

This year we will be covering:

Life, Physical, and Earth Science topics

Supplies:

What supplies will you need for science class?

Composition notebook (not spiral)

Folder (for SCIENCE only!)

Pencil or Pen (Everyday)

Earbuds

Classroom Rules:

- NO PHONES ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM!
- Respect: Treat ALL others with respect.
- Responsibility: You are responsible for your own actions and words.
- Right to Learn: Your classmates have a right to learn and cannot learn if distracted.

Start of Class Procedure:

- Come into the room and sit in your assigned seat.
- What we are doing that day will be posted on the front board.
- Tardies: For the 3rd tardy and every one after, you will be given a lunch detention

End of Class Procedure:

- Begin to clean up and put your materials away only AFTER you have been given instructions to do so. DO NOT get ready to leave early.
- Put ALL supplies, materials, and equipment back in the appropriate place.
- Clean up any trash and dispose of it in the wastebasket.
- Remain at your assigned seat until the bell rings and you are dismissed. PLEASE do not line up at the door.
- After you are dismissed, push your chair under the desk. If it is the last class of the day, put the stool/chair on top of the table so that the floor may be swept.

Getting Supplies Procedure:

- General materials: stapler, tape, markers, colored pencils, scissors, Kleenex, etc. are available on the front counter.
- Materials on the teacher's desk are OFF LIMITS to students.
- Pick up supplies AFTER you have been given instructions to do so.
- Supplies, materials, and equipment already on your table at the start of class must be left alone until instructions are given for their use.

Laboratory Experiments:

- We will be performing laboratory experiments with each chapter. It is expected that you will work cooperatively and safely with the others in your lab group.

Seating Charts:

- Seating charts will be made by me. I will change them at the start of each marking period. Students will be moved at teacher discretion during the marking period.

Individual Work:

- Students will work without talking during individual work.

Group Work:

- Some of our work is group work.
- QUIET talking is allowed during group work.
- If materials or supplies are needed during group work, someone will be assigned to get the supplies. Only one person from each group is allowed out of their seats at a time.

Make-Up Work Due to Absence:

- It is the responsibility of the student. When a student is absent they can pick up their assignment from the Absent bin on the counter. All absent work will be put into the gradebook as Missing with "absent" in the comments section. This will help remind you to get the work turned in. There will be no penalty once the assignment is turned in.

Assignments:

1. You can expect an assignment on most days of the week. Many of these will be completed in class and will not be homework. Those that are not completed in class are the responsibility of the student to complete outside of class.
2. Only papers turned in on time will get full credit. You will receive a 25% reduction in your grade if the assignment is turned in one day late. Assignments turned in more than one day late will receive a maximum of 50%.
3. Projects will lose 10% per day that they are late.
4. 80% of your Science grade will be assessments (tests, quizzes, projects, and labs) and 20% of your grade will be assignments.

Test Retakes:

- Test retakes are offered if you score BELOW a 75% on your test. Test retakes will be averaged with the first attempt. Average score on final grade will not be higher than 90%. If retake score is lower than first attempt then original score will only be used.

Extra Credit:

- There will be no extra credit offered in 8th grade science.