

CLASS INFORMATION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this class is to provide students with an opportunity to learn concepts and laboratory procedures as related to an introductory course in life science.

BOOKS and MATERIALS:

Students will not be given a life science book. There are books available in my room for students to check out for a night if needed. The book will then be the responsibility of the student. Any excessive wear or damage will result in a book fine.

Students are required to bring their Science portfolio, **a pen** (preferably black or blue) **and pencil, paper** and **ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK** to class daily.

CONDUCT:

No candy, pop, gum or other consumables are allowed without teacher consent.

Improper behavior during laboratory activities may exclude the student from taking part in other laboratory activities.

BAND LESSONS:

Students will be allowed to leave class for band lessons if they notify the teacher prior to the beginning of class. Students will not be excused for lessons on days when laboratory activities are scheduled or during tests.

ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS:

Students are expected to write in their assignment notebooks daily. If there is no assignment, the student is to write what was covered in class that day.

SCIENCE PORTFOLIO:

Students will be keeping a Science portfolio. It will include their notes, practice, activities and tests. It will go home periodically to keep the parents updated on the student's progress.

ACADEMICS:

Laboratory Activities. Laboratory activities are designed to provide experience with equipment and materials related to an introductory course in life science. The focus of the activities is to use the scientific method as a means of solving problems. Laboratory reports will be graded at the end of each activity.

Book Reports. Each student will be required to complete one Science Book Report per semester. These will be done from nonfiction books that relate to Science and have teacher approval. The requirements for the book report are provided in the student's Science Portfolio.

Quizzes. Quizzes covering the discussions or current reading assignments will be given at various times. Sometimes they will be announced and sometimes they will be a surprise.

Assessments. Assessments will generally be given at the conclusion of each section and/or chapter. To prepare for the assessments, students should know the material covered during class discussions and laboratory activities. It is required that students take notes during class discussions to aid in their studies. The best place for the student to study from for an assessment is their Science portfolio and notes.

Practice Policy. Each assignment is given a due date on which it is expected to be turned in. If the assignment is not completed at the given time, the student will be put on the ICU list and will be expected to stay after school until the assignment is completed to teacher satisfaction.

Make-Up Work. Make-up work is the students responsibility. Missed assignments can be obtained from the teacher's assignment notebook. It must be completed in the required time limit, which will be given to the student. If the student gets an advanced make-up slip or is given an assignment before they are absent, the assignment is due when they return to school.

Grades. Grades will be kept through a computerized grading program - Infinite Campus. This is an online program that can be monitored by students and parents through the school website. We use Standard-Based Grading in the Middle School, so the student will receive a score for each standard listed.

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