

Class Routine

- Enter the classroom on time, prepared, and ready to learn.
- Once in the room, you are expected to take out your homework so that it may be checked/turned in.
- Immediately start on the daily bellringer task.
- No more socializing after you enter the room.
- Class time will consist of independent activities, group activities, notes, laboratory activities, etc..
- You are expected to be respectful, responsible, and cooperative in the classroom.
- The bell does not dismiss you, I do! You may not pack up until I dismiss you.

Homework

Homework will be assigned on a regular basis and will consist of assignments from the textbook, and/or extensions of our work in class. Missed homework receives a grade of “zero”.



Sometimes I check homework only for completion, other times I will collect it for a grade. I will not tell you beforehand so be sure to do your best work.

Consequences

You are responsible for your own behavior. I will not tolerate either poor behavior or poor language in my classroom. You are expected to act safely and responsibly at all times or face the consequences.

- 1) Verbal Warning
- 2) Detention: Lunch/Morning/Afternoon
- 3) Parent Contact
- 4) Office Contact
- 5) Referral

**Any combination of the above consequences can be used based on the offense.

Class Website

Please visit our class website regularly:

www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/KRoberts3

Here you will find many useful tools to help you throughout the year. I use this page to post assignments, worksheets, and other classroom news.

Conclusion

I want you to be successful in science. I encourage you to participate in class and ask questions when you do not understand. I am looking forward to a very exciting and productive year!



Welcome to Eighth Grade Science

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I hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. The following information will help you to survive the year in science.

It will be a fun and exciting journey if you follow the rules and open your mind to the material at hand.

Eighth grade science is an integrated science course, which means that we will study topics from various branches of science. Major topics of study this year include:

- Human Body Systems and Health
- Environmental Science
- Inside the Restless Earth
- Earth's Changing Surface
- Force, Motion and Energy
- Electricity and Magnetism

Philosophy

Science is more than just a discipline; it is a way of knowing, thinking, and using that knowledge to explain the world around us. The scientific mind embodies both the analytical and the creative. Science does not discriminate; there is something for everyone in this course.

I understand that each of you comes to this class in a different place. Some of you may think that you don't like science, or that it is too hard for you. Others already know that science is one of their favorite classes. All I ask is that each of you put forth your best effort every day and give the class a fair chance.

Materials

You are expected to bring your materials with you every day.

- Pencil or Pen
- Notebook
- Composition Notebook
- Glue stick
- Colored Pencils



Behavior Expectations

You will not do **anything** that will get in the way of your learning and/or the learning of others.

Grading

Your grades are determined from a combination of weighted categories.

- 35% Tests and Quizzes
- 25% Homework
- 20% Laboratory Activities/Explorations
- 20% Class Work, Projects, Participation

Laboratory Work

Laboratory work is an essential part of the science experience. Through laboratory and fieldwork, we are able to experience firsthand many of the phenomena discussed in the classroom.

Class Work/ Participation

Science is an interactive subject that requires interaction with one's peers. Therefore, you will be graded on your classroom participation. Your behavior in class will also have an impact on your overall grade.

Projects

Projects are assigned throughout the year, giving you the opportunity to demonstrate what you have learned in a creative way. Typically, students can expect to complete one project per quarter. Most projects are to be completed at home, but occasionally class time may be given.

Missed Work



We all get sick from time to time. You are responsible for getting any missed work when you are absent.

In general, you will have one day for each day absent to make-up assignments.

Extra Help

If you need extra help, speak to me as soon as possible, so we can set a time either before or after school.



Extra Credit

There may be opportunities for extra credit assignments throughout the year. Extra credit is not a replacement for missing work. Students with missing work are not eligible to receive extra credit. Check my website for details.

Academic Honesty

It is expected that any work completed in this class is a product of your own mind and effort. If you give another student answers to a question or take answers from another student, it is cheating. Cheating will result in negative consequences for ALL parties involved.