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6 grade Science
2013-2014 School Year

Course Description and Purpose:
In this class we will be studying Earth and Space Science. We will focus on the scientific method and the ways that scientific knowledge is acquired and applied to our daily lives.

The text book we will be using is:
Florida Holt Science & Technology Level Green. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 2006

In this class we will meet, or exceed, the requirements set in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards found here:

http://www.cpalms.org/Public/Search/CriteriaSearch?search=Standards&subjectId=29&gradeId=11

Materials:

Pencils	Graphing paper	Index cards with a box
Blue or black ink pens	Metric Ruler	1 ream of blank copy paper
Textbook cover	Two-pocket folder for labs,	USB Drive
3-Ring binder with dividers	Colored pencils and/or markers	Several poster boards for
College ruled loose leaf	Scientific calculator	projects throughout the year

Grading:
Your grade in this class is based on the following for each marking quarter:

Tests *	= 50%	Labs	= 15%
Quizzes	= 15%	Homework/Classwork	= 20%

* There will also be certain projects given throughout the year which will be worth a test grade

Responsibility Grade: This is given at the end of each quarter. Everyone starts out with a grade of 100. The responsibility grade counts as a test grade. Point deductions are taken from this grade every time you do any of the following:

- forget to take out the above materials
- use foul language
- are rude to others
- forget class materials
- talk during tests/quizzes

- call out repeatedly/rudely
- are late to class (10 points on second offense)

Homework:
Every week parents should check the homework Web site to see assignment for each subject. Homework will not be accepted beyond Friday of that week. Of course, late homework will receive a lower grade.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS: Late work will be expected the next day. It will be graded with a 10% reduction. If the work is returned the day after, it will receive a 20% reduction. All other work will receive a 0%. In special instances work may be accepted after this period. If you are absent, you have 2 days for every day you are absent to complete the work and turn it in without penalty. It is your responsibility to find out what you have missed when you are absent and complete the work.

Extra Credit is always available, as long as all assigned work has been completed. Please make an appointment with me to discuss.

I look forward to a successful year. I know each and every one of you has the ability to succeed. Hard work always pays off!

Class Rules:
1) RESPECT other people and property.
2) Promptly follow all safety rules, procedures, routines, and school rules.
3) Bring all work due, books and materials to class every day (unless told otherwise).
4) Encourage a positive learning experience by avoiding distractions.

Consequences:
1) Warning
2) Deduction of points from responsibility grade
3) Student/teacher conference and disciplinary assignment or detention
4) Parent notification and detention
5) Disciplinary referral to the office

Severe infractions will be handled immediately as appropriate apart from the above.

Class Procedures:
WALKING/TALKING: Raise your hand to get out of your seat for any reason. If you have a question, or would like to make a comment to a discussion, raise your hand as well.
ENTERING CLASSROOM: When entering the classroom, go to your assigned desk and begin working on the assignment on the board. Make sure your pencils are sharpened when you enter. You must be in your seat working on the assignment by the tardy bell.
BEHAVIOR: The science classroom may contain substances and equipment that are potentially hazardous and/or expensive to replace. Because of this, I have absolutely no tolerance for horseplay.
HOMEWORK: Homework is due at the beginning of class. All completed work is to be kept neatly in the three ring binder. Always put your first and last name on the upper right corner of your paper, with the name and grade of the class and the due date written under the name. The specific assignment should be written on the top line to the left.
FINISHING WORK EARLY: When you finish your work early you must get a book to read or complete other assignment(s).

DISMISSAL: You are dismissed by the teacher and not the bell or other students in the hall. Clean up your area before leaving.
EMERGENCY DRILLS: Line up by rows as directed by the teacher, not all at once. Follow teacher's instructions and procedures for each type of drill.
ANNOUNCEMENTS: When the intercom comes on for announcements, you are to be quiet immediately.
TEXTBOOKS: Textbooks are to be covered at all times. Lost textbooks recovered by the teacher from the classroom, hallway, or other location will be secured. If you lose your textbook, a written note requesting the teacher check if it has been secured must be presented. Include your name, the date, the fact you lost your textbook and where you last saw it.
TECHNOLOGY: Course information and grades will be available through the school-wide system. Several types of equipment will be used to enhance the classroom environment, including digital video projection and video cameras.

Course Requirements and Availability: I anticipate that you will all succeed this year in class. To that end, I will provide you with the tools for success, not only in mastering the state exam, but for life outside of school as well. I will make myself available for you whether you require extra help or if you would like to learn more about material covered in class. I am available before or after school by appointment for extra help or parent/guardian conferences. I also frequently check email, so feel free to send a message. Edmodo is another place to easily connect.

Tardiness and Absences: We have a lot to cover in this class so every day counts! Make sure you come to class prepared, ready to work, and on time.
Being later than 5 minutes requires a pass from the office. Being out is not an automatic excuse for handing assignments in late. It is your responsibility to make up all the work you miss when you are not in class. Please check the posted assignment schedule and bin for make-up work.

Comprehensive Plan for Laboratory Safety
Labs provide opportunities for hands-on experience, interesting discoveries, and excitement. We will frequently work in the lab to provide the opportunity for students to develop scientific inquiry techniques and use common problem-solving approaches exercised in the scientific community. Not to mention, IT IS FUN. The science laboratory may present certain hazards, so therefore I take safety very seriously. In addition, lab equipment can be expensive. Broken equipment means more tax money devoted to replacement instead of increasing your academic and social experiences in school. The following are rules that must be followed. There are no exceptions!

1. Goggles are to be worn at all times unless otherwise instructed.
2. Hair must be tied back and jewelry removed.
3. Baggy and expensive clothing in general must not be worn.
4. If something becomes broken or there are any injuries, contact me immediately and I will deal with the situation. It is my responsibility for your safety, but your responsibility to follow instructions.
5. Horseplay results in a trip to the principal's office and parental contact; no warnings.
6. Do not use electrical outlets without asking.
7. Chemicals are not for drinking or inhalation.
8. During dissections, latex gloves will be worn. Probes and scalpels are never raised above 6" off the lab table.
9. I will have all necessary lab equipment ready before class begins, but all lab materials must be returned to their original place at the end of class and your area cleaned up.
10. After school will be lab make-up time. Please see me to make arrangements.

Please sign and return to Mrs.Taoussi

I have read the course syllabus and comprehensive plan for laboratory safety. I promise to abide by/enforce the rules set forth.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date_____

Parent Email Address (please print neatly): _____

Student Signature _____ Date_____