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**~ 7th Grade Science Syllabus ~**

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*“If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves.”*

 ~ Thomas Edison

**1st Quarter:** Chemical building blocks

**2nd Quarter:** Forces, Motion, and Energy Part 1

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**3rd Quarter:** Forces, Motion, and Energy Part 2

**4th Quarter:** Electricity/Magnetism & Genetics

**COURSE OVERVIEW:**

**MATERIALS:** You are responsible for bringing all required materials to class. This includes your chromebook, a writing utensil, agenda, 1-inch 3-ring binder with lined paper, and homework when assigned.

**EVALUATION:** Students are evaluated with a variety of methods including Chapter Tests, Quizzes, Worksheets, Binder Checks, Labs, and Projects.

**Grading Scale:**

100-90 A

89-80 B

79-70 C

69-65 D

64-🡫 F

*\*\*Honor roll = 91 – 85%*

🗁Tests/Quizzes (60%)

🗁Labs/Projects (30%)

🗁 Homework/Participation (10%)

**HOMEWORK:** Homework will be given approximately 3 times a week and will be posted on the

board, the website, and announced verbally in class. Homework will be due at the beginning of class the day after it is assigned. Failing to submit 3 or more homework assignments will result in a phone call to your parent/guardian.

🖐 **I will accept homework 1 day late for half credit, after that no credit.**

**SCIENCE BINDER:** The order of your binder will be as follows: table of contents, science syllabus, classroom papers, and lined paper. Every time you receive a paper, you will put your name, period, and date on the paper.  You will also number the paper in the top right corner.  This will allow you to order your papers chronologically.  You will then add each paper to your table of contents. You will take a final binder quiz at the end of each quarter.  These quizzes are worth points and they do factor into your final grade.

**AGENDA:** You must bring your agenda to class every day.  You will use your agenda to record assignments, important reminders, and changes to the class schedule.

**TUTORING:** I can only help if you ASK! Please, don’t be afraid to come to me if you are having trouble with this class (or any other problems). I am available before school, during homeroom, and during Eagle Time.

**MAKEUP POLICY:** ⮱ If you are aware of an upcoming absence, then let me know as soon as possible so I can provide you with work ahead of time.

 ⮱ If you know you will only miss a portion of the school day, then you are still expected to submit any due assignments before you leave.

 ⮱ If you are absent on the day an assignment is due, it is due the next day.

 ⮱ If you miss an announced test, you must take it on the day you return.

 ⮱ IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to get your makeup work and get it done! When you return, get your papers from the makeup bin (located on the desk in the front of the classroom) and see me for any additional directions (before the bell rings or after class).

**HALL PASSES:** The hall pass is only to be used for bathroom emergencies and necessary trips to the office, nurse, or guidance counselor.  You are allotted 3 hall passes per nine weeks so please use them wisely. To use the hall pass, sign-out on the clipboard in the front of the room.

**GENERAL PROCEDURES:**

* *Daily Bellringer:* Students will complete the daily bellringer during the first 3-5 minutes of class and be ready to discuss the answer.
* *Submitting assignments:* All assignments will be put in the “Turn in” bin located in the front of the classroom by the sink.
* *Finishing early:* If you finish an activity early you may not roam around and talk, you must keep yourself busy and productive (start homework, study, do work for another class, read an AR book or you can use your chromebook to study)
* *Student talking:* You are not to talk while Miss Falk is instructing or giving directions, always raise your hand to ask/answer a question, if Miss Falk gives permission then you may talk during independent and group work
* *Silencing the class:* Miss Falk will countdown to “0” at which point you will stop talking and focus on Miss Falk

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER POLICY:**

I know that substitute teachers have one of the hardest jobs in the country.  That means I expect my students to respect and honor the hard work of substitute teachers by behaving maturely. If you are identified as presenting behavior problems, then you will write a letter of apology to the sub and you will conference with me. I will also report the incident to the office, which will likely result in an automatic detention, and a phone call home.

**CLASSROOM RULES:** 1) **Be Prompt, Prepared, Polite & Productive**

 2) No food or drinks are permitted in the classroom.

 3) No cheating or plagiarism. This includes copying another student’s

homework. It also includes verbally sharing quiz and test information with students from other classes. If this occurs you will receive a **zero** on the assignment and your parent/guardian will be notified.

 4) Do your Best!

**DISCIPLINE PLAN:**

* In life, there are consequences for not following expectations laid out before you. The same is true for this class. If you choose not to follow an expectation, then the following will occur:
	1. Warning and student/teacher discussion
	2. Blue slips
	3. Parent contact
	4. Written referral with a parent contact

**EXPECTATIONS:** ⮱ Students will bring their chromebook, binder, homework, and writing utensils to class every day.

 ⮱ Students will complete the daily bellringer in Google classroom during the

 first 3-5 minutes of class and be ready to discuss the answer.

 ⮱ Students will ask questions when they do not understand.

 ⮱ Students will refrain from saying “I can’t” because YOU CAN.

 All you need to do is TRY!!

**REMEMBER: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR LEARNING.**

**PURSUE EXCELLENCE!**

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*Welcome to 7th grade science. I hope you have a great 2017-18 school year!*

*~* Miss Falk