**Class Information for Science**

Welcome to the new school year! Let’s make sure that this is your best school year ever by working together towards success!

**Course Objectives**

* Develop organizational and problem-solving skills.
* Develop your scientific process and inquiry skills throughout the school year.
* Develop your understanding of the scientific world around you.

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| **Syllabus for 7th Grade Science** | | | |
| **1st Nine Weeks** | **2nd Nine Weeks** | **3rd Nine Weeks** | **4th Nine Weeks** |
| * Scientific Inquiry * Atmospheric Cycles * Forces and Motion | * Forces and Motion * Energy | * Structures and Functions of Living Organisms | * Evolution and Genetics |

**Course Content Standard/Units of Instruction Aligned with Standards:** A complete list of course goals for 7th grade Social Studies can be viewed at **http://goo.gl/L7cHhF**

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| **Grading Policy for 7th Grade Science** | | |
| **Tests/Projects** | 50% | There is a test or project given at the end of every unit (approximately every 2-4 weeks). |
| **Classwork** | 30% | Class work is work that is completed in class (or finished at home) that is graded for accuracy. |
| **Homework** | 20% | Students homework with consist of at least two CNN Student News assignments a week. Additional classwork and projects will assigned periodically. |

**Materials** Students should bring these materials to class with them every day:

1. Each student will need one 100 page Composition notebook which will serve as their Interactive Notebook. The Interactive Notebook with hold all content for Science class and serve as the students’ textbook.
2. Each student will need one two-pocket folder with brads for journals and vocabulary.
3. Students will need a pencil pouch with colored pencils, handheld sharpener, glue sticks/glue bottle, scissors, mini-stapler, pens (blue, black, red) and #2 pencils.

**Late Work Policy**

* I believe grades should be based on what you know and not on whether or not you were present in class. Therefore, I will take any late homework or lab/ activity sheets when you complete them **until the end of the marking period**.

**Safety contract**

* Two copies of the safety contract will be provided to you. You are to read it, fill one contract out, sign it, have a parent sign it and return it to me within the first two weeks of school.
* The second contract is for you to keep for your information at home.

**Science Fair**

* Science Fair is an optional out-of-class project. More information will be sent home 9/5/13. This is the only extra credit that will be offered this school year.