Welcome to 6th grade Science!

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# General Information

## Description

Sixth Grade Science covers a variety of topics including::

Scientific processes

Matter: properties and changes

Forces and Motion

Energy: Conservation and Transfer

Earth Systems

Earth in the Universe

Structures and Functions of Living Organisms

Ecosystems

## Expectations

Students should:

* to arrive for class *on time and prepared*
* complete all assignments and homework
* be respectful of others, the environment, and yourself
* do their very best at all times
* follow all classroom procedures and teacher directions

# Course Materials

## Required Materials

Each day students should come to class prepared. That includes having the following materials.

* Completed homework
* Red Folder
* 5 subject college ruled spiral notebook
* Writing utensils (Black or blue ink pens, #2 pencil)
* South Charlotte Middle School agenda

# Policies and procedures

## Grading

Formal grades will be 65% of the grade. This includes major projects and tests. Informal grades will be 35% of the grade. This includes classwork, homework, and quizzes. In order to succeed in this class, it is important that students keep up readings, complete homework assignments, and consistently study and not wait until the last minute.

## Late Work

Students will be expected to complete any incomplete or missing work. Late homework is accepted for 5 school days to receive up to 50% credit. After that 5 day period, a student may turn in work until a week before the end of the quarter for up to 10% credit. If a student is found doing their homework in homeroom or before class begins, they will have further deductions from that particular assignment.

## Absence

 If a student has an excused absence from school, he/she must make arrangements to complete work **within five days of his/her return to class**. Whenever possible, absent students are expected to check the class website for daily assignments. \*Please Note: It is the student’s responsibility to initiate contact with the teacher regarding work missed during an absence.

**Tests**

All formal assessments receiving a grade of < 79% will be eligible for a retest. The student will have to arrange a time with the teacher for the retest. The maximum grade on a retest is 79%. Students have five school days from receiving the grade to schedule a retest. *Requesting and scheduling a retest is the responsibility of the student*.

**Cheating/Plagiarism**

There is a zero tolerance policy for cheating and plagiarism. It will result in a zero grade and any necessary additional disciplinary action.

**Classroom Routine**

Students are expected to be quiet and in their seats when the bell rings. They should begin class by copying their homework from the board into their agenda, then beginning their warm-up. During class, students will not be allowed to go to their lockers and will not be allowed to leave the classroom unless it is an emergency. At the end of class, the teacher will dismiss the students, NOT the bell. Students will pack up only after instructed to do so by the teacher. They must also make sure the area around their desk is clean and that they have gathered ALL belongings.

**Tutoring**

Tutoring hours are Thursday mornings before school from 7:45 to 8:15. Students MUST arrive promptly at 7:45! So that I am prepared, students need to sign up on the clipboard in the classroom by Monday afternoon. Any student coming to tutoring must be prepared to work. Students can benefit from tutoring, but one distracting person can steal the opportunity for extra help from everyone in the tutoring session.

It is going to be a great year!