

Physical Science

“Everyone can succeed in this class”

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Physical Science is the study of matter and energy. In physical science, we will be studying the fascinating topics of; the nature of science, motion, forces, energy, work and machines, thermal energy, electricity, magnetism and its uses, energy sources, waves, sound, electromagnetic waves, light, mirrors and lenses, classification of matter, solids, liquids, gases, properties of atoms and the periodic table, radioactivity and nuclear reactions, elements and their properties, chemical bonds, chemical reactions, solutions, acids, bases, and salts, organic compounds, and new materials through chemistry. Throughout the year we will be memorizing most of the periodic table of elements.

Class Rules: I have 3 broad rules; Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Your Environment.

Respect Yourself by coming to class on time, being prepared, and ready to learn. You will not be allowed to go to your locker to get materials you forgot. You will be in your assigned seat when the bell rings. Talking will stop when the bell rings. Do the best that you can on your assignments and tests. Cheating is not allowed and will result in a zero. You may work with your group on assignments but you may not just copy someone else's paper. Doing so will result in zeros for both participants. Time given during class to work on assignments is not optional. If you do not finish your assignment during class, you will need to take it home as homework. If you work diligently, you should not have homework very often. I will be available to help you with your homework before school, during lunch, and after school. On tests and assignments, you need to write in complete sentences. Do your own work and do not copy from the internet without giving your source the credit. You will work on your assignment. You will not work on assignments from other classes unless you have already finished your physical science assignment. Do not miss more than 7 days per semester or you will lose credit and fall behind in your work. Do not wear inappropriate t-shirts or belly shirts. You will be asked to change.

Respect Others by not talking when others are talking, not making derogatory comments toward or about other students or the faculty. No swearing! Do not leave the classroom without permission from the teacher. Go only to where you have been given permission. We have a lot to learn this year in physical science. If you are repeatedly tardy or noisy, we will not be able to get to as many fun activities. My tardy policy is: 1st-freebie, 2nd-10 minutes at lunch doing work for me, 3rd- entire lunch spent doing work for me and a letter home. Tardies 4-7 will be referred to the office as disruptive classroom behavior. Do not bring your cell phones to class. If I see you using one in class, I will confiscate it and turn it in to the office.

Respect Your Environment. Respect your school environment. Gum, candy, and soda pop are not to be brought into the classroom except on special occasions. My desk,

cupboards, shelves, and demonstration materials are not to be touched by students without permission. Pick up after yourself. Do not write on desks etc.

Lectures, assignments, tests, and quizzes

You will be expected to take notes every day. At quarter, you will be graded on your notebook. During tests, there will be no talking until everyone is finished. Doing so, will result in a 5 point penalty. Before each test, your group will compete in a test review to win treats. Groups will be changed after each test. You are expected to work and study with your group during class time.

All assignments must be turned in when they are due. If you are absent, you will have the same number of days that you were absent to turn in an assignment or make up a test.

Extra Credit opportunities will be available throughout the semester. However, do not expect to be able to significantly raise your grade on the last day of the semester.

Grades will be awarded to students based on their total points earned on assignments, notebooks, tests, quizzes, and extra credit; divided by the total points possible as follows:

92-100% A
90-91% A-
87-89% B+
83-86% B
80-82% B-
77-79% C+
73-76% C
70-72% C-
67-69% D+
63-66% D
60-62% D-
Below 60% F

Dear Parents-

Please read these rules and sign below. Experts have found that students who have parents involved in their education are more successful at school. If you have any experiences, hobbies, knowledge etc. that would be applicable to physical science and you are willing to share, please list them below. Also, include a number where I may contact you. If you know of anyone in your family or the community that would be a valuable resource, please let me know about them also. Thank You! Becky Crossley

Parent signature: _____

Email address: _____