

Sixth Grade Science Helpful Hints and Expectations

Objective:

- The objective in Sixth Grade SCIENCE is to engage students in learning the foundational skills, concepts, and methods of the physical, biological, chemical and environmental sciences.

Notebook Organization:

- A notebook is essential to the learning process and will be frequently checked throughout the year.
- We will start out in spiral notebooks and move into a three ring binder later in the year.
- All labs and other assignments will be numbered and kept in sequential order and listed on a table of contents in the front of the notebook.
- I keep a Master Notebook that contains all of the assignments including the dates and assignment number. Students may use my notebook to catch-up, correct, or check their notebook. Many times the answers vary to science starter questions and labs. If that is the case, the assignment will be left blank or a possible answer is given. No student should take pages out of the MASTER NOTEBOOK. Students cannot use the Master Notebook the day of the Notebook Check.

Notebook Checks:

- Notebook checks will be given usually the day after a major test. This covers the information on the table of contents and the class notes, activities, and all other items listed on the table of contents.
- Notebook checks test organizational skills.
- Students may check the Master Notebook to prepare for the notebook check during lunch or break. Students cannot use the Master Notebook the day of the Notebook Check.

Textbook:

- Books will NOT be issued the first week. All material for the first test will be in the notebook.
- We have 6 books. Each book is a unit of study.
- The books will be used as a science resource.

Directions:

1. Fold this paper in half hamburger style.
2. Glue this side in your spiral.

Homework:

- Homework will extend or enrich what is being studied in class.
- Students are expected to copy down the homework each day in his/her agenda.
- Homework can also be found on my home page on APA's website.
- Students start with a 100 homework grade. If homework is not completed, 5 points will be subtracted from the original grade.
- Homework needs to be corrected when we go over it in class. Incomplete homework needs to be completed.

Quizzes and Tests:

- Quizzes and tests will be given throughout the year.
- Tests need to be signed by the parents. All signed tests brought back within two days will receive 3 bonus points.
- Parent will be contacted via email if a student fails a test.
- All test dates will be announced and should be recorded in homework agenda at least five days in advance!!
- All tests are to be written in PENCIL.
- If a student knows he/she will be absent from my class on a test or quiz day, he/she needs to make arrangements to take the test or quiz prior to the absence.

Grading:

- I will ONLY grade class work, daily grades, and labs that are written in PENCIL or BLUE or BLACK ink. NO other colors will be accepted!!

**Tests/Projects 40%

** All other assignments 60%

Assignments:

- Late work can and should be made up within five days of the assignment. The assignment will lose ten points for being late. I suggest all students check the no-name board for papers with no name and the list of missing work. All work not made up will result in a zero.
- Any lab or journal assignment turned in on time that receives a grade less than a 100 should be made up with-in 24 hours for a possible grade of a 95. I grade these assignments hard for I want

- the students to understand the process and procedure. If a paper is unsatisfactory, I want the student to attempt the assignment again.
- Any student caught cheating will receive a zero on the assignment. Cheating includes copying someone's homework, looking at a quiz or test paper, using class notes on a test, etc. Students allowing someone to copy are also cheating.

*Please remember that an unprepared student (one who does not have his/her supplies, assignments, and book) usually takes learning time away from others, has a harder time retaining the information, and does not perform as well as prepared students. Be a success; bring your materials to class and succeed!

Science is cool,
Mrs. Norris

Student Signature _____

Student's Comments or questions:

Parent Signature _____

Parent's Comment or questions:

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