Mrs. Morris 7th Grade Science

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| **The Principles**  **1. You are here to learn.**  **2. I am here to teach.**  **3. Nothing should interfere with your learning or my teaching** | **The Basics**   1. **Be on time.** 2. **Be prepared.** 3. **Participate and do your work.** 4. **Respect the rights and property of others.** |

**Recommended items to bring to class each day?**

* **Binder (suggested):** You have two options – a 1½” binder used only for science **OR** a 2½”-3” size binder that you share with your other classes **with** **a separate section for science**. The binder is where notes and many assignments will be kept so you have them to study for quizzes and exams. I will collect the work and grade it at the end of each unit.
  + **Other Items Kept in Binder:**
  + **Interactive Reader/Study Guide Workbook (required):** This will be handed out the first or second week of school. It must be brought to class daily. The science textbook will be left at home as a reference.
* **Planner provided by school (required):** Used to write down homework assignments & important announcements.

**How can I check my grade and how are grades calculated?**

* **Parent Connect**: This site is for parents to check student’s grades. You should have been given an ID number and password in the registration packet. If lost, call the front office for the information.
* **Grade Policy:** Grades will be based on student performance on assignments, unit binders, labs, tests, quizzes, and class participation/responsibility. Grades will be determined by the total points earned compared to the total points possible in the grading period.

**What are the Tardy & Class Management Policies?**

You will be expected to be in your assigned seat when the starting bell rings or you are tardy. It is your responsibility to follow all school and classroom guidelines. You are expected to respect the lives and property of others, including students, teachers, staff members, and visitors (including substitutes).

**What are the Homework/Make Up/Absence Policies?**

* **Homework:** Students should expect homework assignments most days they have science. Assignments are to be done neatly. Homework will be due **the next class period** unless specified. Assignments turned in late do not receive full credit. **Late work turned in the next class period can earn a maximum of 80% of the points possible. After that, late papers receive 70% of the points possible.**
* **Work Correction Policy**:
  + Students who score less than 70% on a test have one week to retake the test and receive a new score derived from the average of the initial test score and the retake test score.
  + Students who score less than 70% on a benchmark, will retake the benchmark usually the following Wednesday or Thursday morning at 7:15am, under the MUST program.
  + For class/homework assignments students turn in, but earn less than 70% on the class/homework assignment, they have until the end of each six week grading period to finish or correct the assignment to bring it up to 70% or above. After the six week grading period the class/homework assignment will be considered too late to turn in for an improved grade.
* **Co-curricular Make-Up Policy:** Students missing class because of scheduled extracurricular activities (sports, band, choir and field trips, etc.) must pick up assignments they are going to miss **before leaving** and are required to turn in the work on the **regular scheduled due date**.
* **Absence:** Good attendance is essential to success in this class **Absent students will have one week to make up missed work for full credit.** Students may need to attend scheduled lunch lab sessions to make up a missed test, quiz or lab.

# **What are the major themes in 7th grade science?**

* Earth & Life History ● Evolution (change over time)
* Cell Biology ● Physical Principles in Living Systems
* Genetics ● Structure and Function in Living Systems
* Investigation and Experimentation

**How can I get extra help or make up missed assignments?**

* **Lunch Lab:** Designed for students who need extra help or need to make up assignments. It is great for students who can’t come after school because of extra curricular commitments. Offered in my room (Rm.131) at lunch Monday and Wednesday, students are welcome to bring in their lunch.
* **Individual Appointments:** For those students who are unable to attend lunch lab they may make other arrangements with me.

**To Contact Me**

Phone Reyburn, 327-4500, or send e-mail to **joycemorris@cusd.com**

**\*e-mail is a more efficient way of contacting me at school than a phone call.**

Thank you,

Joyce Morris

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