h Grade Science

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What we will learn

8.1 Matter 8.2 Physical Systems 8.3 Life Systems 8.4 Natural Systems

Students will understand that all substances are a combination of small particles that interact and exchange energy.

ms Students will understand how objects can store and transfer energy within systems.

Students will compare ways that plants and animals obtain and use energy and model how matter cycles through an ecosystem.

Students will understand interactions with natural systems and resources.

Class Expectations

Be On-time, On-task & prepared to learn



Electronics are for Educational Purposes Only Be Responsible for your own learning Res Res To Clas

Respect the Teacher, Classroom & other Students

Materials Needed



Pen or Pencil



1 1/2 inch 3-Ring binder

Laboratory Safety Responsibility

Safety in the science laboratory is the #1 priority for students, teachers and parents. A signed lab safety contract is required for all students to participate in labs. Students who choose to be unsafe in the lab will be asked to complete alternative assignments in the classroom. ***For safety purposes, Please notify teacher of any food allergies.

Your Grade



30% of your grade is based on **classwork** (assignments, labs, projects, starters, etc.) 70% of your grade is based on **assessments** (tests & quizzes)

Late work will be accepted until midterm, then again from midterm until end of the quarter with no penalty.

Grading Scale



Extra credit will be offered for each quarter. It will be worth up to 10 assessment points.



80% of higher = **PROFICIENT**

Below 80%= NOT PROFICIENT



There are NO retakes on Unit Assessments. However, students will be able to use their notes/binders on the Unit Assessments. A student that scores an 'F' on a Unit Assessment may complete a quiz fix.

Honors Component

Each quarter students will be given the opportunity to earn Honors Credit. Students will be given a project to complete at home. If the student achieves mastery on the project (80%) or above, the student's transcript will be changed to say "8th grade Honors Science." This project is completely optional. *Please note that students who would like to be considered for 9th grade Honors Biology and, by consequence, 10th grade concurrent enrollment Chemistry, must complete the 8th grade Science Honors components. Also, If a student achieves an 875, minimally, on the Rise, has a 'B' in the class, and completes one Honors Project, may also earn the same.

End of Year Test 🦳

Students will be given an end of year final on all five Unit Assessments of the 8th grade science SEEd core. Students may choose to use their proficiency score (851 or higher)on the state test (RISE) in lieu of the end of year final.

Videos Website

Videos or clips from videos will be shown on occasion in the classroom and could have a PG- 13 rating (Apollo 13). Our science department only uses Canvas that has links to all coursework as well as pictures and videos of labs we do in class. We occasionally post pictures of students. If this is a concern, please email your teacher.

