

8th Grade Science

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2020-2021

Grade 8 Science: *You will learn about the conservation of matter and energy using the Carbon TIME curriculum as well as genetics, ecology and the diversity of living things.*

I am excited to have new material to supplement the required state and national standards. My goal for all students is to walk away with a positive attitude towards science learning. This will be done by demonstrations, reading, projects, and classroom discussions. I strongly believe you will leave this year with a deep understanding of science concepts.

Consequences/Infractions

1. Name on the board and sign infraction book.
2. Sign infraction book and 1 minute after class to discuss and resolve the problem with the teacher.
3. Detention – Phone call home to parent. Parent/Student, Counselor, and Teacher resolution of the problem.
4. Second Detention – Team meeting and student behavior contract developed. Referral to Mr. Russow and Mr. Pollard.

Severe Disruption – the student will be sent immediately to the office with a referral.

Homework

All assignments must include the **student's first and last name**. Assignments without a name will receive a deduction in points or no points if the owner is not found. I will do my best to find the owner of the no name work, however, it is important that you check Home Access Center regularly to stay up to date with your grade. It is the student's responsibility that work is turned in on the due date with a proper heading at the top of the assignment. Some work will be turned in electronically using Google Classroom. Again, it is important that each assignment has a complete heading to assure proper credit.

Homework is assigned throughout the school year and is expected to be completed on time to receive maximum credit; scores are reduced for late work. All assignments are due by the final day of each 9 week quarter.

Grades

The grading scale is as follows:

A+ = 100

B+ = 89 – 87

C+ = 79 – 77

D+ = 69 – 67

F = 59 – 0

A = 99 – 95

B = 86 – 84

C = 76 – 74

D = 66 – 64

A- = 94 – 90

B- = 83 – 80

C- = 73 – 70

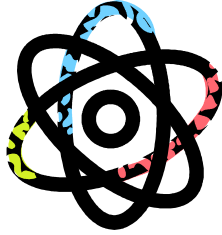
D- = 63 – 60

Grades will be calculated using the following categories:

50% Homework/Classwork

10% Organization (Binder)

40% Tests, Quizzes, and Projects



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Bottled water is encouraged.

Passes

It is my policy that students are not to leave the classroom unless it is absolutely necessary. A student may only ask permission in the first or last five minutes of class. An allotted number of passes will be allowed each quarter. Passes are therefore limited and should be used with discretion. Unused hall passes (3) will be collected at the end of each quarter for extra credit points.

Extra Credit

No extra credit assignments will be offered or accepted in science class. Instead, **students will be allowed to redo tests or projects for full credit. This is done at the teacher's discretion.** There are several stipulations that must be met:

- Parents must request the redo opportunity for their child.
- The format for work to be redone may change.
- The teacher & student will create a calendar of completion that will yield better results.
- Work may not be redone during the last week of the grading period.

Supplies

A successful student is a prepared student. The following items should be brought to every class:

- Blue/Black Pens
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils or Crayons
- Binder – 1 inch
- Dividers for binder (3 tabs)
- Notebook paper

It would be greatly appreciated if each student could donate one box of tissues, Lysol wipes, and hand sanitizer.

My job at Mason Middle School is to help you understand the world around you. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Come and see me before or after school. If you prefer to call I can be reached at **734-848-9367** or by email at **costello@eriemason.k12.mi.us**. I am here to help!

I am looking forward to working with you during the school year. We all need to work together to make this a successful school year! ☺

Sincerely,
Mrs. Susan Costello

I have read the above rules and expectations & have discussed them with my eighth grader.

Student's name _____

Student's signature _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____

*****PLEASE DO NOT DETACH – THIS WILL REMAIN IN THE STUDENT'S BINDER*****