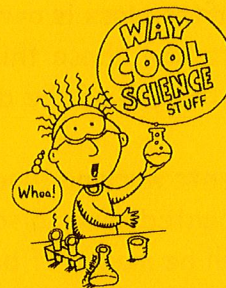


Welcome to Physical Science 7!

Welcome to 7th grade Physical Science! This year we will be doing a combination of hands-on, station, and individual/partner/team learning. If you would like to familiarize yourself with our standards feel free to visit <http://www.nextgenscience.org/>.

Supplies Needed for Success:

Composition Notebook
Post-It Notes (3 x 3)
Pencil or Pen
Folder or Binder



Classwork: My policy on our science practice is that all work started in class is due the next day at the beginning of class (unless otherwise stated). Ample time is provided in class for many students to complete activities and assignments. If a student does not finish, they may be asked to complete it at home and return it the next day. Each hour has a bin where assignments will be collected. We will be doing the majority of all work and activities in class daily, so "homework" may be reviewing, reading, and/or studying for tests. I am asking all students to please label every assignment with their first and last name and hour.

Late Work/No Name: Late and no name work is accepted, but at a reduced grade. All late work is noted and tracked in PowerSchool. No name papers will be missing in PowerSchool until they are claimed and returned with a name. If extra time is needed because of an emergency, please let me know as soon as possible and extra time will be given without grade penalties.

Absent Work: If a student is absent, they will be provided copies when they return (or they are welcome to download them digitally once available) and ask to turn it in within a reasonable amount of time. They will need to write "Absent" with the date on the top of their paper so I do not mark the assignment late accidentally. Generally, for each day absent I allow that number of days plus one day to turn in work. Absent work turned in after the few day grace period will be accepted, but will receive a late penalty. Extensions and extra time can be given for extreme absences and circumstances, please contact me if you feel you need extra time and I'll be happy to work with you!

Cheating/Academic Dishonesty: Students must complete their own assignments. Students who are dishonest, copy, and/or assist other students with cheating will find themselves with and zero on the assignment as well as other severe consequences. I'd rather you complete a redo paper/get help verses cheating and failing on an assignment. Parents will be informed if your child is caught being dishonest with their assignment(s).

Progress Reports/Report Cards: Parents and students are encouraged to view PowerSchool to keep up on grades. I keep grades updated and current, so students have a good idea of what their current grade is at all times. Redo opportunities for any failing assignments will be available and noted in PowerSchool and a parent signature is required for any redo papers. Please do not wait until the last minute before report cards to redo a paper—I will have a redo deadline each quarter! Grades are delivered digitally to parents, so please make sure your PowerSchool information is up-to-date!

Cell Phones: Students will have the opportunity to use their cell phones for teacher created test reviews in class using sites such as Quizizz or Kahoot. If we are not using a teacher created or approved sites, then I am kindly asking students to refrain from using their phones and place them in a safe location to grab after class is over. Cell phones are not permitted during testing or in the halls between classes. Students who abuse this rule will have their cell phone collected, turned into the office, and then returned at the end of the day.

Discipline: Students working together and compiling a list of norms/rules we will follow in our room. Any students with repeated minor discipline infractions will be asked to correct the behavior first by me and parent contact will be made. If behaviors do not improve, then a referral will be made to the office. Major behaviors, such as fighting or bullying, will be handled by our administration and in accordance with UCS Student Handbook guidelines.

Student/Parent Communication: Announcements and reminders will be delivered via PowerSchool communication feed. I am working on linking extra copies of assignments/notes for download in PowerSchool as well! (This is new, so I will double up with the class website until I am certain it is working consistently.) If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call. Please note that questions/concerns on the weekends will be addressed the following Monday.

I hope you and your child have a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

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