

MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School
Santa Ana, California

Eighth Grade Science

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Welcome to 8th Grade Science! I am confident we will have a rewarding year together. Let me share some of my expectations of my students. Most of this structure will remain in place throughout the year, but I might add to or take away some of the rules and procedures as we progress through the year.

All work must be in pencil or blue or black ink. Students can also type their assignments. If I cannot read the handwriting the student will be asked to redo the assignment to receive credit, otherwise it will receive zero credit. Assessments will include but are not limited to the following:

1. **Labs:** usually one lab a week depending on the topic under discussion. Students work in collaborative groups of 3 to 4 but each student is responsible for his/her own lab write up. Each student needs to show me evidence of being engaged by being on task. Otherwise they will get the consequence for not being on task*.
2. **Class work:** needs to be worked on at school and may be finished at home if specified by me. Class work is checked and stamped daily. Work not stamped will receive half a credit and the student may get the consequence for not being on task.*
3. **Tests:** will be given every 3 to 4 weeks. It is the student's responsibility to make up any missed test, class work or homework. After an absence the student needs to come and see me the day he/she comes back to school to make up the test.
4. **Homework:** is checked and stamped daily. Work not stamped will receive half a credit. Consequences for not doing homework are specified on the assignment card. It is the student's responsibility to make up any missed homework due to an absence.
5. **Science Notebooks:** Students will be required to maintain a science notebook. They will do most of their work in this notebook. Students will get clear and specific directions to record their investigations and notes in this notebook. Notebooks will be frequently graded.

Grading Scale:

Grades will be calculated on the basis of total points earned/points possible according to the following scale:

- 100 – 90%=A
- 89- 80% = B
- 79-70% = C
- 69- 60% = D
- 59- 0 % = F

Discipline: Class rules and the consequences for breaking these class rules are posted in the classroom. These class rules are in addition to the school rules, and both are to be followed at all times. Any time a student chooses to break a rule he/she will receive the consequence for breaking that rule. It will also bring down his/her citizenship grade. Students will be required to keep a copy of the class rules and consequences in their science notebooks.

Restroom Privileges:

I understand the need to use the restroom. However, if you are out of the class, you are missing the lesson. We will follow 5 for 1 rule.

Assistance for Students: I am available to students at specific times outlined in the teacher availability handout. Students are expected to come in for extra help when needed. They can set up a time with me prior to the meeting.

Supplies: Any time a student is missing any of the following he/she will be considered unprepared for class.

1. Composition book
2. Scotch Tape
3. Small Stapler
4. Color Pencils
5. Scissors
6. Ruler
7. Sharpened Pencils, Black/Blue Pen, A Red Pen
8. Loose Paper
9. Graph paper
10. Calculator

* See the handout listing the consequences for breaking class rules.

Read the instructions with your parents, sign it and keep it in your Science notebook.

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We have read the 8th Grade Science classroom information handout.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

I am looking forward to a very successful year with you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,
Imrana Iqbal