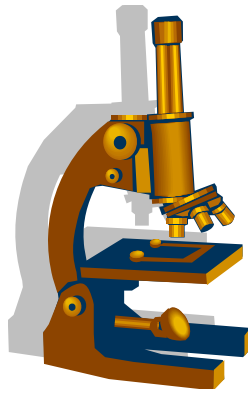


August 24, 2011



Mrs. Mederos

5th – 8th Grade Science

Policies and Procedures

I would like to welcome you and your son or daughter to this year's science course! I believe that science is an interesting and exciting topic. By getting involved in your child's instruction, you can not only help your son or daughter to succeed, but you may also enjoy learning new material yourself! And why not? The more we know about the world around us, the more fascinating it becomes . . .

My goal is to create a classroom environment that will help your son or daughter

- build a solid science vocabulary
- gain a strong understanding of key scientific principles and topics
- learn how to use mathematics to tackle scientific problems
- find out about the latest technologies and use many of them to learn more about science and our world
- see how science is related to all other disciplines
- see science as worthwhile and meaningful
- develop thinking skills and the ability to challenge assumptions, think creatively, and solve real-life problems
- have fun!!

Classroom Rules:

1. Be respectful of self and others at all times.
2. Follow directions the first time they are given.
3. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak.

Consequences (of choosing improper behavior):

1. Verbal warning.
2. Conduct detention
3. Parent contact.
4. Referral to principal.
5. Conference with parent(s) and principal.

Grading Policy:

50% of the grade is based on Assignments including class work, homework, laboratory investigations, and quizzes. The other 50% of the grade is based on Tests. As you can see, it is very important to prepare, study, and do well on tests. The Extra Credit policy in Science is available to any and all students on any and all assignments, including tests. If the student is not happy with their score, they may re-do it as Extra Credit. Extra Credit must be done in the classroom during non-instruction time such as Study Hall or other times agreed upon by the teacher. All assignments that are “re-done” will receive the average of the two grades in the grade book.

Assignments, Homework, Make-Up and Late Work:

Assignments assigned during class time are expected to be worked on during the class time; additional time may be given as homework. Homework assignments are an important part of developing responsibility. All homework assignments are expected to be completed by the time the student comes to school in the morning. It is unacceptable to be working on homework for Science during another teacher's class period. Not having homework completed will result in a Study Hall and working on it in another teacher's class will result in a

Conduct Detention. It is the responsibility of the student to find out what assignments have been missed when absent from class. Students may seek this information from classmates and/or myself during non-instruction time. It is my expectation that make-up work should be completed within one week of an absence. Please make arrangements with me if additional time is needed. If the student is aware of an absence before it occurs, asking for assignments in advance is a great idea! Late work will be accepted, however full credit is not available. All late assignments will be docked one grade mark per class meeting that it is late (example: 1 meeting/day late 100% A = 95% A-).

I would appreciate your help in furthering these goals and following these policies. Please contact me with any questions or concerns via email at rmederossastulare@yahoo.com or by calling the school at 686-6250. I look forward to a great year with you and your student. Simply supporting your child as he or she explores science this year will go a long way!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rochelle Mederos
5th – 8th Grade Science Teacher

Please keep the upper portion of this page and the previous page in the Student's Science binder for reference!

(Please detach and return to Mrs. Mederos)

I have read and reviewed the Policies and Procedures for Science _____
(student's name)

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

I have read and reviewed the Policies and Procedures for Science with my student.

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

(Please Print Parent's Name)

(Parent's email address or best contact #)