**Some Things To Know About 7th Grade Science Class (Honors)**

![MCj04398510000[1]]()Students in honors classes will be held to higher standards and should expect a more rigorous approach to the curriculum. This will allow me to provide students with more opportunities to further explore the set expectations; therefore gaining a deeper understanding of the content. These opportunities will be developed through a variety of inquiry based labs and projects throughout the year.

![MCj03970480000[1]]() **P.I.R.A.T.E. Expectations:**

**Prepared**—

Come to class with all needed materials, be ready to learn

**Integrity**—

Make good choices that you can be proud of

**Respectful**—

Of yourself, classmates, teachers, property

**Attitude**

Keep it **Positive**. You will be successful!!

**Time**

Arrive on Time. Use Class Time Effectively

**Effort**

100%. All the time!

**Be Prepared Everyday:**

It is important that students arrive prepared to class every day. This means students should have their agenda, textbook, homework, folder, and something to write with when they walk into the classroom. We begin class promptly and I expect students to be prepared for class. Therefore, students will not be permitted to return to their lockers after class has started.

**Supply List**

1 inch binder (for science use ONLY)

Green duotang folder(s)

**red** checking pen/pencil

![MCj04136380000[1]]()Pencils

Colored pencils

**Also needed for classroom use:**

![MCj02909490000[1]]()Kleenex (one box per student would be greatly appreciated) **PLEASE!!**

Dry Erase markers (for use with individual white boards)

Hand sanitizer

Disinfectant wipes (for cleaning table tops)

**Daily Work/Assignments:**

![C:\Documents and Settings\1\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\6SIU7S02\MC900232133[1].wmf]() Daily work that is not completed in class should be finished for homework. All work is due the next day unless specifically told otherwise.

 **Homework (Late) Policy**

All middle school students are expected to do all assigned work and submit it the next day (unless otherwise specified) for full credit. However, sometimes things come up and an assignment may need to be turned in late. If work is turned in late, 10% of the possible points is deducted from the earned grade per day (up to 5 days/50%). Work that is more than 5 school days late will not be accepted.

**Absent Work**

Students will have the same number of days as they were absent to turn in missing work. For example, if a student is out one day, they will get one day to make up all work. If they are absent an entire week, they will have five school days to make up the work. I have an area set up in our classroom where the student can locate assignments. **It is the student’s responsibility to find out what work they missed while absent.**

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1. Copy classroom planner into own planner
2. Get any notes/handouts from the designated folder (organized by day assigned)
3. Complete assignments.
4. Turn assignments in ON TIME.

A few words about **Cheating:** Every student needs to review the section in the student handbook that addresses cheating. It is a major offense and can result in suspension. Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will receive a zero for the assignment/assessment, as well as the appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in the student handbook (agenda).

**Grading:**

 We will be using a weighted grading system in all science classes this year.

 **Assessments (tests, quizzes,etc.) = 60%**

 **Daily Work (classwork homework labs, class points) = 40%**

**Test Retakes:**

Test retakes will be available to all students that complete the requirements defined on the retake form (available at test pass back). This consists of a parent signature and a review assignment/activity.

**Textbook:**

We will be using Pearson’s Elevate Science Course 2.

This is a consumable book that for the most part will be kept in class. However, there is online access.

![MCj00890360000[1]]()**Parent Communication:**

**Agenda books**

All students are required to carry their agenda book with them to all of their classes and fill out the agenda for the day when they arrive to each class. This is a great tool to keep students organized and parents informed. Parents should review these nightly with students.

**Classroom Website**

I have a website that contains tons of useful information including the agenda, useful links and

information about the expectations of the class.

<http://mrssorvala.weebly.com/>

**Parent Portal**

Parent portal is an online tool that allows parents to view their child’s grades in each class at anytime. If you have not already done so, a parent will need to get an access code from the main office. This must be done in person.

**Remind (formerly Remind 101)**

Remind is a group messaging system that can be accessed through text, email or app. With Remind, all personal information remains completely confidential. I will never see your information and you will not see mine. I use it mostly for reminders about tests, projects and school events. You may either download the app **Class code: @sorvala7H** or via text by texting **@sorvala7H to 81010** and following the prompts.

**Contact information:**

 Please feel free to contact me throughout the year with questions or concerns. For general

 questions/information, email is the best way to get a hold of me.

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The phone number to the school is (586) 949-4510.



Looking Forward to a Wonderful Year!!