

# SCIENCE



Mrs. Nester  
ROOM 320

Welcome to my class! I am looking forward to working with you this year. I want this to be a very successful year for everyone so I would like to take the opportunity to communicate some important information to you. Please feel free to call or e-mail me at any time with questions or concerns you might have. My available conference time is from 8:15 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. You can call me before or after school at 591-0760. The students have an exciting year of investigation, experimentation and collaboration ahead of them. Here is the curriculum for your grade:

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade

**Living Things**  
**Cell Parts**  
**Photosynthesis/Cellular Respiration**  
**Digestive System**  
**Excretory System**  
**Nervous System**  
**Passive/Active Transport**  
**Cell Growth and Development**  
**Heredity**  
**Evolution**  
**Geologic Time/Fossils**

## 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Metric System/Measurement**  
**Graphing**  
**Astronomy**  
**Atmosphere**  
**Weather**  
**Minerals**  
**Rocks**  
**Plate Tectonics**  
**Earthquakes**  
**Volcanoes**  
**Hydrogeology**

**Agenda and Homework** – Agenda for the day and homework (if applicable) will be posted in the classroom daily and kept in my teacher planner for extended absences. A recap of what we do in class each day will be posted on Teacher Web for parents/students to view from home. We will have homework to complete daily. Homework will consist of concept reinforcement activities and will be graded on a points system.

All assignments will have due dates and must be turned in at the beginning of the class hour. Assignments not turned in at this time will be considered late.

**Missing Assignments:** Missing assignments directly impact your grade. Make sure you turn in your assignments when they are due. One day late will be considered half credit.

Students are responsible for finding out what work/information was covered while he/she was absent upon returning to school. Students may get the information from the teacher directly or find out from a student buddy.

**Interactive Notebook** – You will be required to keep an interactive notebook that include graphic organizers, vocabulary words, concept sorts, diagrams, notes, chapter reviews, and bell work. We will keep these notebooks in class, unless you want to take them home to study from or to complete an assignment not finished in class.

**Labs** – Labs will be done in class and may or may not be done in groups. These will be graded according to their point value.

**Tests** - A test will follow each chapter.

**Required supplies for science: Composition Notebook, Paper, Pencils, Folder, Colored Pencils**

**Classroom Expectations:**

I expect students to be responsible, come to class on time, be in their seat before class begins, and be prepared with the necessary materials and /or assignments for the day. Students are expected to follow all classroom and school rules listed on this letter and those listed in the school handbook. If a student makes a poor choice in class, they will go through the Interim Classroom process and be asked to write a plan to get back into class. Please see the student handbook for further information about the Interim Classroom process.

**Rules:**

1. Follow directions the first time they are given
2. Keep hands, feet, objects and unkind comments to yourself
3. Respect yourself, others, and all school property

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Nester