

Mrs. Tooke

Life Science 7th Grade



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Conferences/Meetings: If you have concerns and would like to visit, please call to schedule an appointment. That way it gives me time to collect information to help answer questions more easily. I prefer to have myself, the student and parent at the meetings. I have found this practice to be very effective.

Best Time to be Reached:

Afterschool— Since it's the most flexible time of my day, I can give you my undivided attention. I am available until 4:30pm with exception of days meetings are scheduled for

NO CELL PHONES

- You may place your phone in the "Cell Phone Bucket" as you enter the room. If it rings in the bucket, it is in a "safe zone" and doesn't need to go to the office.
- If I hear or see a cell phone that isn't in the bucket, it automatically goes to the office. From there, a parent has to pick it up.

Supplies:

Pencils/Pens/Colored Pencils

3 Ring Binder— 2" or larger

Dividers

Loose Leaf Paper

Post-it Notes (optional)

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Grading System:

As much as possible, I will replicate Mrs. Banks & Mrs. Grogan's Physical Science expectations to help prepare students for their 8th grade year.

50% Assessment (tests, quizzes, Exit Tickets, Bell Ringers)

30% Homework/Classwork

10% Labs

10% Notes

Rules & Expectations:

- **Be Prepared**- always have your pencil and/or pen, textbook and binder
- **Be Respectful**- of both myself, peers. and especially substitute teachers
- **Be Considerate**- Return things to where they belong & do not leave a mess
- **Be Persistent**- the most successful learners persevere. Ask me for help. Come in after school if you need help. Don't give up!

Consequences:

1st warning: verbal reminder to stay focused

2nd warning: automatic loss of daily participation grade for the day

3rd warning: Detention with me the following day (or soon thereafter) either during lunch or after school.

4th warning: If the same offense continues, immediate dismissal to the office.



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Tardiness, Restroom Breaks, Leaving the Room

- Two tardies are counted as an unexcused school absence. (More information is provided in the handbook.) It is imperative to be on time. Otherwise you must have a pass from the teacher you left.
 - Use your breaks wisely to keep from wasting class time. As much as possible, restroom breaks need to be taken on breaks.
 - Do not leave your seat until the bell has rung. Standing by the door is not permitted.
 - For emergencies, you must stay with the class.
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Course Information:

Students will use crosscutting concepts, science and engineering practices, and technology while investigating the other characteristics, structures, and functions of living things; the processes and diversity of life; and how living organisms interact with each other and their environments.

Course Overview:

Life Structure & Function, From Bacteria to Plants, Animals, Human Body Systems and Interactions of Life are the five units we will cover this year. Each unit naturally builds upon the other. Labs, demonstrations, Cornell Notes are just a few of the tools that will be used to actively learn about the subject at hand.



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Homework & Make-up Work

First and foremost, it is the student's responsibility to request make-up work.

- Please get and use an assignment book. They are provided by the school and are an excellent tool to help with staying on track.
- If you know you're going to be absent, please let me know the day before. I will fill-out my part of your check-out slip. You have a day to hand your work in after the day of your absence. In other words, for every day you are absent you have an equal amount of time to hand in your assignment. It's easiest to get it in as soon as you can, that way the assignment doesn't get forgotten or misplaced. I WILL NOT REMIND YOU OR ASK FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT. IT WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE GRADEBOOK AS A ZERO.
- If you are sick, you can either have your homework gathered for you through the office or you can receive the assignment(s) the day you return. Again, you have a day to return the assignment(s) for every day you're absent.
- If you have a late assignment that is unexcused, the best grade that can be earned is a 75%. Remember a 75% is far better than a zero.

Tickets/Assignments

Showing on Family Link

I have adopted a strategy another teacher in the building uses. Just about every day, I post a question on the board that comes directly from the end of the section or chapter questions. The students can study for the question if they so choose the night before. If they study and answer the question correctly, they receive however many points are allotted for that particular "ticket". If they cannot answer the question correctly they DO NOT LOSE ANY POINTS. A blank is left where the points are to be entered, not a ZERO. Unfortunately, it will look like a missing assignment to you.

The idea behind doing these "tickets" was three-fold:

1. To give an opportunity for students to earn more points to help cushion their grade
2. To give students "bite sized" information to study each night to help prepare for quizzes and tests
3. To help boost grades on quizzes and test, since they'll have studied the information all along.

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Parent and Student Contract:

Parent: Please sign showing you have read and understand the class policies and procedures on the previous pages.

Print Name: _____

Sign: _____

Contact Number: () _____ - _____

Contact Number: () _____ - _____

E-MAIL: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Student: I have read and understand the class policies and procedures on the previous pages. .

Print name: _____

Sign: _____

E-MAIL: _____