

8th Grade Science, 2023-2024

Ms. Norton

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

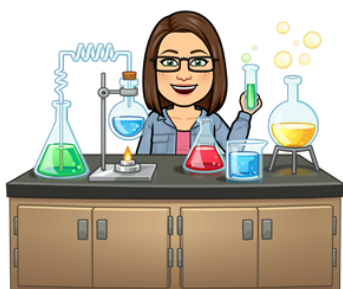
Welcome to Middle School Science! My name is Ms. Norton and I am honored to be your teacher this year. Science is my favorite subject because science is all around us...and in us! As we engage in science and engineering practices, this year will be full of curiosity and learning.

In the 8th grade, we will be exploring our Living Environment. From the cell to the biosphere, there are so many questions to answer! This course will culminate in the New York State Living Environment Regents Exam.

We will be using the HMH Into Science program, which the students will be able to access via Clever. You will be able to access grades and assignments on PowerSchool or Schoology.

Supply List: You will need the following items by **September 18th**.

1. Composition notebook of any color. Do not buy a spiral bound notebook!
2. A folder of any color to hold and organize papers.
3. Pens, Pencils, and Highlighters.
4. If you haven't brought them in already, 1 of each:
 - a. Tissues, sanitizing wipes and paper towels.



Classroom Expectations:

It is my personal goal that students are actively engaged and learning 100% of the time in our classroom. For all of my students to be successful, **students are expected to:**

- Adhere to the Code of Conduct.
- Come to class with relevant questions!
- Be honest & truthful at all times.
- Have a positive attitude.
- Respect his or her classmates, teacher, and visitors.
- Give 100% effort when completing tasks. Do ALL assigned work!
- Use discretion when requesting to leave the classroom, so important classroom information is not missed.
- Enter the room quietly and orderly and immediately begin the daily starters.
- Stay in his or her assigned seat in class unless he or she has been given permission to get up.
- Remain in his or her seat until Ms. Norton dismisses them from class.
- Clean up around his or her desk and push in his or her chair before leaving the classroom.
- Respect the property of others and refrain from writing on or damaging classroom furniture, and/or other classroom supplies.
- Refrain from spraying perfumes, colognes or air fresheners in the classroom!

Grade Computation:

Assessments (exams and quizzes)	30%
Classwork	20%
Homework	20%
Labs and Projects	20%
Participation	10%

Assessments: Summative assessments (exams) will be given at the end of every unit. I will announce the date they will be given 3-5 days in advance. Formative assessments (quizzes and checks for understanding) will be given throughout the week as necessary.

Classwork: Classwork is expected to be completed during class time. Should you need extra help or time, please let me know ASAP.

Homework: Homework will be assigned as needed. The due dates will be made available in class and online.

Labs and Projects: Labs and projects will be assigned throughout the year. Lab hours are required in this course and you MUST complete 1200 minutes of lab (20 hours) and you MUST complete the four NYS required labs in order to sit for the Regents exam. If you are absent for any of the labs, make up days will be offered in the spring. No exceptions.

Participation: Participation is important as it demonstrates learning and understanding of the material. Students will be expected to actively participate in their learning daily.

Late Work: Late work will be accepted up to 3 days before the end of the marking period, with points taken off for lateness. If you were absent due to a medical or family emergency, please provide documentation.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Parents, your Remind class code is:

Contract:

I, _____, have read and understand this syllabus. I will follow the expectations laid out for me in this syllabus and will ask for help anytime I need it.

student signature

parent signature

date signed

Sign and return this syllabus to
Ms. Norton by Friday, September 15, 2023.