**Welcome to Mrs. Pokorski’s 8th Grade Science Class**

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**CURRICULUM:**

* **Earth & Human Activity**
* **Chemistry**
* **Physics**
* **Waves and Their Applications**

**SCIENCE BOOK ONLINE:**

[**https://www.hmhco.com/one/login/**](https://www.hmhco.com/one/login/)

**LOGIN: Student 6-digit ID number**

**PASSWORD: W@rren21**

**GRADING ANALYSIS:**

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| **Homework** | **25%** |
| **Tests, Quizzes/Project Assessments** | **75%** |

**SUPPLIES TO BE SUCCESSFUL:**

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| * Science Book * Pencils and Blue Ink Pen * Composition or Spiral Notebook * 3 Ring Binder * Folder * Daily Agenda * Coloring supplies (colored pencils, markers) * Scissors * Glue Stick |

**Grading for Assignments & Projects**

* **All assignments are due the next day, unless instructed otherwise.**
* **Late homework will be accepted. It will be accepted one day late, WITH a required parent signature UNLESS you were absent.**
* **The lowest grade that a student may receive on completed homework is 50%.**
* **If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the work you missed. You can check the agenda in Schoology, the website, or ask a classmate.**
* **Current grades will be maintained in PowerSchool. Do NOT assume that a favorable Schoology grade means that your student is passing the course.**
* **Students who do not complete their homework will receive a yellow box with an “X” in PowerSchool, which is a missing assignment or F grade.**
* **Work that is incomplete will be marked with an incomplete mark in PowerSchool. Sometimes when work is incomplete, quiz and test scores will be low, due to the student not putting forth effort.**
* **Some assignments/projects will be graded as assessment grades. I will notify you before they are given so you can do your personal best.**
* **These procedures and agendas will be posted in Schoology for your review. If your student is absent, please have them review the agenda to get caught up.**
* **If you have chosen to attend class virtually (2nd hour), you will be expected to interact with classmates in various group settings. Be prepared to participate daily.**

**Use of Science Equipment**

**In class you will be using expensive and fragile equipment. The equipment will be assigned to you or your group. The equipment is your responsibility. If there is something wrong, inform Mrs. Pokorski immediately. Any damage/loss of the equipment will be the responsibility of those it was assigned to. Do not allow others to use your equipment, see Mrs. Pokorski if there are any issues.**

**Labs**

* **Be responsible - use all equipment and materials only for the lab. No food/drinks at the lab stations. Stay within your group, do not wander to others.**
* **Be respectful - only your group should hear you, your materials should stay at your station only.**
* **If you or your group are not following the lab rules, all materials will be taken away and you will receive a zero for the lab.**

**Classroom Expectations**

**Be Respectful -** to everybody and everything. This includes students, teachers, guest teachers, and any adults that may be in our classroom. Clean up after yourselves. Use the trash cans/recycling bins. Any materials you borrow from me use properly and put away properly.

**Be Responsible -** Get to class on time. Use passing time wisely: use bathrooms, get all materials etc. Be in your seat ready to learn when class begins. Have all homework completed before entering class.

**Be Resourceful -** Ask for help. If you forgot materials, ask your peers to borrow something. Use materials responsibly, don’t waste paper/glue etc. Use your time wisely. Work until the end of class time to get all your questions answered before leaving.

**Consequences:**

**Warning**

**Private conversation between the teacher and student**

**Phone call home**

**Referral to the office**

**Cell Phones and Laptops**

**Cell phones will not be allowed in the classroom. Due to Covid 19, you should try to bring a calculator that is not on your phone. If we need internet service, you will be given permission the day before to bring your phone to class.**

**Laptops must be charged every night AT HOME. Students are welcome to bring their charger, however, there are not enough outlets for everyone to use. It is best to get in the practice of charging them every night. You would not let your cell phone battery die, treat the laptop the same way.**

**Parents – please review the procedures with your student and acknowledge that you and your student have read them by signing below.**

**Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**