



Mrs. Skinner's 7th Grade Science



Science Curriculum

- **Lab Safety & The Scientific Method- 1st Quarter**
- **Space Science- 2nd Quarter**
 - Relationship among objects in the solar system, galaxy, and universe
 - Identifying Major Constellations
 - Earth's relationship to the Sun and Moon
 - Structure of Earth's interior
- **Geology- 3rd Quarter**
 - Plate Tectonics
 - Identifying Rocks and Minerals
 - Geologic Processes- Including Seismic Activity
- **Ecology- 4th Quarter**
 - Ecosystems/Interactions among organisms
 - Environmental Risks and Benefits caused by human activities
 - Biomes

Classroom Expectations

- Arrive Each Day Prepared and Ready To Put Forth Your Best Effort
- Cell Phones Must Be Placed In the "Parking Lot" As You Arrive to Class. ***Personal technology is permitted only with teacher approval.***
- Participate in Class and **Ask For Help**
- Be Responsible For Work and Behavior
- Be Respectful of Yourself, Other Students & The Teacher
- You MAY NOT Interfere with Another Student's Opportunity to Learn
- Follow Lab Safety Rules

Materials Needed For Class Daily

- Agenda
- Writing utensil (pen/ pencil)
- Interactive Student Notebook (ISN)- Composition Book with at least 100 sheets (200 pages)
- Folder
- Blank Loose-Leaf Paper (college ruled)
- Highlighters, Colored Pencils, Glue Stick (we have classroom supply, but may need extra)

Donations are always appreciated!

Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Duct Tape, Glue Sticks, Hand Sanitizer, Crayons, Colored Pencils, College-Ruled lined paper, Craft Supplies (hot glue sticks, paint, paint brushes), Ziploc baggies (all sizes), Shoeboxes, Plastic Utensils, Styrofoam or Plastic Cups

Contact Information:

Should questions or concerns arise, please discuss with your student first and then feel free to contact me. Email is best and I am usually able to respond within 24 hours.

****Note, I am generally not logged in after 4 PM during the week or any time over the weekend.**

Email: lskinner@ccusd93.net

Phone Number: (480)272-8650

Office Hours: ***Tuesdays- 2:40-3:30pm**

(Parents must arrange transportation home)

***Wednesday mornings by appointment**

Grades

- All grades are a combination of total points from:
 - **Evaluation/Assessments (Weighted 80%)** Based on demonstration of concept mastery- includes, but not limited to quizzes, tests, projects and other assessment tools
 - **Homework/Classwork (Weighted 20%)** Students are graded on note-taking, in-class work, lab participation, organization, and organization of Interactive Science Notebook
- Students and parents can track grades and assignment status by logging into the **Infinite Campus Portal**. This will show you current grade status, as well as any missing assignments.
- **Absent work:** It is student responsibility to find out what they missed while they were absent. Students can check the "While You Were Out" bin in class, Google Classroom, and my ISN to determine what work was missed
****Excused Absences have 2 days for each day missed to make up assignments**
- Assignments must be completed and turned in **ON TIME!** Late assignments will receive a **10% per day grade reduction up to 50%** (unless discussed **prior** to the due date).
****Late work is accepted until the last day of each quarter unless otherwise set by administration**

Types of Assignments in Science

- Note-taking
- Lab Activities/experiments and Reports
- Research projects
- Presentations
- Text and Data Analysis
- Other science related activities
- Quizzes and Tests

Homework is rare, but may be assigned to reinforce what was learned in class.

****Students must use their agenda to record and track assignments and homework**

After reading this document carefully, please complete, sign & return this page ONLY
On or Before Friday, August 16, 2019

Student First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Skinner Science Block (circle): 1 2 3 4 5

It is understood...

1. Students are to arrive in class on-time and prepared with the following materials:
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Writing Utensil
 - c. Folder
 - d. Lined Paper
 - e. ISN- Composition Book (100 Sheets)
 - f. Other supplies as requested
2. Grades will be based on Evaluation Grades (Assessments, Projects, Quizzes) and Homework/Classwork Grades
3. Infinite Campus Portal will be used to check grade status and for missing assignments.
4. Cell Phone Use/Disruption (ringing/alerts) is **NOT** Permitted During Class, violations will follow school policy.
5. Use of classroom technology (iPads/Chromebooks) is a **privilege**, if not cared or used appropriately, privilege will be revoked. This includes using a device for reason not intended.
6. **Cheating and Plagiarism** on a Test, Quiz, Lab Report or Project will receive a "0" (zero) and parent/guardian will be contacted.
7. Failure to follow lab safety expectations will result in **immediate removal from the classroom and referral.**

Student

I, _____ (student name), have read through the syllabus and agree to follow the policies and procedures set forth by Mrs. Skinner.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian

I, _____ (print parent name) am the parent/guardian of the aforementioned student and have read and understand the syllabus, classroom expectations, and consequences for failure to comply. I understand that I should contact Mrs. Skinner via email, telephone or note if I have questions, comments or concerns about my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Contact Information: Phone _____ Email _____

Additional Parent/Guardian/Contact: Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____

QUESTIONS: *Parents/Guardians, please answer the following questions about your student.*

Does your student have allergies or any condition that could affect their performance in class or to complete a lab?

Yes or No? If yes, please explain: _____

Does your student have a cell phone they will bring to school? Yes or No

Does your student have access to a computer/device with a reliable internet connection at home? Yes or No

What is something special you would like me to know about your student? _____
