# A GUIDE TO MRS. BRAY'S SCIENCE CLASS

## Classwork, Labs, and Quizzes

- Throughout each 9 weeks, students will work through a lot of classwork, activities and labs. Classwork will occasionally turned in for a completion grade (20 points or less). Labs will also be turned in for a grade of 50 points or less.
- Occasionally students will take small quizzes throughout a unit to check for understanding. For quizzes, there will be a study guide provided with answers on Canvas. We will not always play review games for quizzes. Quizzes will be counted for 70 points or less. There are no retakes on quizzes over 50 points.

#### Unit Tests

- At the conclusion of each unit students will take a unit test.
- Study guides are provided for unit tests. Students should receive the study guide about a week in advanced. Answers to the study guide will be on my Canvas page.
  - o I try to do a review game in class the day before a test. I will post the game to Canvas that same day if the game is accessible for students.
- Once tests have been graded, students will get their unit test back. If a student is satisfied with their score, it is theirs to keep & bring home. They do not need to be signed &/or returned. If a student is NOT satisfied with their score, he/she needs to come see me & they will need to get the test signed & returned. We will then start the process of a retake.

#### Retests

- Retests are allowed on tests worth 50 points or higher. The ultimate goal is for students to fully understand the material we are learning. If they don't get it the first time around, I want to help them make sure they do with extra practice.
- They must retake within one week of the test being returned (i.e. within one week of me grading & returning).
- In order for students to retest they must do all of the following steps:
  - o Fill out a retest form.
  - o Correct their original test on a separate sheet of paper stating the correct answer & why it is the correct answer.
  - o Sign up & meet with me to go over any misconceptions & questions during SOAR or working lunch.
  - o Have their test & retest form signed by a parent.

## Homework

- Students will receive very little homework in science. Most homework assignments come from not completing work during the class period.
- For the homework assignments I do give, I do my best to try to allow 2-3 nights for completion. However, some assignments will have to be returned the following day (especially for incomplete classwork).
- If homework is incomplete, then students will serve a working lunch to compete the missed assignment.

#### Canvas

• My science Canvas page is full of videos, extra practice, review games, & answer keys. I do my best to post copies of notes, handouts, worksheets, etc. on my Canvas page. I like to think of Canvas as a science class companion.

## SOAR

• Students should use their SOAR time to come get extra help or ask questions when needed.

## Textbook

• We do not have a "textbook" but an online source through STEMScopes. The students can access this through their Classlink homepage & choosing the Accelerated Learning app.



#### Contact

• Please feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:braym@mtnbrook.k12.al.us">braym@mtnbrook.k12.al.us</a> with any questions. If I receive an email after 3:15pm, it will be answered the following day.