



Liberty Middle School

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6th Grade Earth Science

Mr. Bryan Kennedy

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| Classroom Digital Platforms | Webpage Link: https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Domain/2335 Schoology Link: https://madisoncity.schoology.com/home#/?k=ru4kcm Distribution List Link: https://forms.gle/tfvBcHWU6uvtWF9r6 |
| Textbook Information | https://flexbooks.ck12.org/cbook/ck-12-middle-school-earth-science-flexbook-2.0/ |
| Course Description | <p>The Earth Science curriculum builds on the natural curiosity of students. By connecting them to the beauty of geological history, the amazing landforms around the globe, the nature of the sea and air, and the newest discoveries about our universe, it gives students an opportunity to relate to their everyday world. This will be accomplished through small and large group discussions, interactive computer activities, labs, and hands-on activities.</p> |
| Course Objectives | <p>By the end of this course, students should have a firm foundation in earth science, as well as a thorough understanding of correct lab procedure and safety, experimentation, and how science relates to the world around us.</p> |
| Course Outline | <p>Sun-Earth-Moon Planetary Systems Weather and Climate Plate Tectonics Rocks & Fossil Record Human Impact</p> <p><i>*This is subject to change.</i></p> |
| Classroom Expectations | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be Punctual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be in your assigned seat and have class materials ready to use on your desk when the bell rings. 2. Be Prepared <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bring a charged computer, science notebook & required materials to class each day. ● Any assigned homework or project will be turned in at the beginning of class. 3. Be Polite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treat each person with respect and dignity ● Use materials for their intended purpose and put them away when you are finished. 4. Be Responsible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow directions the first time they are given. ● You are responsible for completing any assignments missed when you are absent. Daily assignments will be posted on Schoology. 5. Be Persistent and Positive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be willing to explore new topics with a good attitude and work through challenging assignments. ● Work cooperatively in small groups and whole class activities 6. Be Safe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep your hands and feet to yourself ● Follow all safety rules when working in the lab. |

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| Progressive Discipline <i>(LMS Policy)</i> | Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention and a parent contact Step 5: Office referral |
| Grading Policy <i>(MCS Policy)</i> | 60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation) |
| Late Work Policy | Late work will be accepted up until the day of the Unit Test for full credit. After the test, the highest score allowed will be an 75. |
| Make-up Work/ Test Policy | Students are expected to make up any work missed due to absences. All assignments will be posted in Schoology daily. Only EXCUSED absences can receive a grade. |
| Technology | <p>Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. Neither the teacher, nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the individual discretion of the teacher.</p> <p>In order to maximize student learning and focus on science instruction, cell phone use is limited only to academic purposes in the classroom. Students are expected to put away their cell phones or personal devices before entering the classroom.</p> <p><i>Students who have their phones out without expressed permission will be asked to place their phone in a designated area in the classroom until the dismissal bell. If cell phones become an issue, the non-compliant student will be sent to administration.</i></p> |
| Accommodations | Requests for accommodations for this course or any school event are welcomed from students and parents. |
| Materials & Supplies | Students will need 2 composition notebooks (one for each 9 weeks) and other basic supplies needed for all classes (pens, pencils, glue sticks, etc.) 2021-2022 LMS Student Supply List |
| Homework | Typically homework is only assigned if a student does not complete the assignments in class. |
| Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form | https://forms.gle/3BXFvaVxKBTX5yXGA |