



# MS. MELISSA REEDER

## 7TH GRADE HO'ONUI'IKE SCIENCE



**WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!!!!**

**I'M SO HAPPY TO GET TO KNOW YOU OVER THE NEXT YEAR. WE WILL BE SPENDING A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER SO HERE ARE SOME OF THE EXPECTATIONS THAT I HAVE FOR YOU AND SOME EXPECTATIONS THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE FOR ME TOO. WE ARE A TEAM AND IT'S MY JOB TO HELP YOU LEARN. - ARE YOU READY?**

Ms. Reeder's Responsibilities are to...

- ensure there is always a safe learning environment;
- treat everyone fairly, not always equally;
- make sure everyone has the opportunity to learn;
- mean what she says and says what she means; and
- provide grades and learning feedback in a timely manner.

Student's Responsibilities are to...

- come to class prepared and ready to learn;
- respect other people's space, things, and right to learn;
- allow others to learn without distraction;
- follow ALL school and classroom rules; and
- try their best and NEVER give up.

### Assignments and Grading

Assignments will vary with each unit of study. Textbooks (online and physical), labs, videos, drawings, models, tests (pre/post), and projects (individual, partner, and/or group), will all be used during this course. For each unit of study (usually 2 to 3 weeks), students will be given a list of assignments that they and their group are to complete before the unit test. Students will be responsible for keeping track of their individual assignments and will turn them into Ms. Reeder when each has been completed. Students will need to utilize their time management skills and be sure they are staying on task during class. The number of assignments per unit will vary depending on the topic that is being covered. Students will be informed of the date their unit test will be on the unit's first day. **EACH ASSIGNMENT IS DESIGNED TO MOVE STUDENTS TOWARD MASTERY OF THE SPECIFIC STANDARD. THEREFORE EVERY ASSIGNMENT IS IMPORTANT.**

NO classwork is to be completed at home. NO homework, other than to study will be assigned.





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### Late Work, Absence Policy, and Extra Credit

If a student is absent from class, it is their responsibility to follow up with Ms. Reeder and/or their group to see what they missed. Should a student have an extended absence, they need to inform Ms. Reeder so work can be provided for the student to do while they are away from the classroom. Work will be expected to be turned in on the day of their return to school. All assignments will be due the day before the unit test. Late work, with very few exceptions, will be accepted. No work is to be taken home. It will ALL be left in class as this prevents work from getting lost.

**Extra Credit is NOT given. There are NO exceptions.**

### Consequences

- 1st Offense - Conference w/ student
- 2nd Offense - Loss of privilege & Parent Contact
- 3rd Offense - Behavioral Referral

\*Ms. Reeder reserves the right, depending on the infraction, to skip all other consequences, and go directly to referral.

### Grading Scale

Ms. Reeder's grading scale will comply with the schoolwide policy. Students are expected to monitor their grad through Infinite Campus.

### Curriculum - Amplify Science

#### 1st Semester

- Geology on Mars
- Plate Motion
- Rock Transformation

#### 2nd Semester

- Phase Change
- Chemical Reactions
- Populations and Resources
- Matter and Energy and Ecosystems

### Science Fair

Your child will be required to complete a science fair project. Students can work individually, in pairs, or in a group of three per ISEF rules. Your child will research, design, implement, and report their results on a topic of their choice. Students will spend one class period each week up until the end of November. Oral presentations and judging will be held in early December.

### Student Planners

Students will be expected to have their planners with them every day. Planners remind students of unit tests, due dates for projects, and reminders of no-school days. Students will need to get into the habit of looking at their planners when they get home.

### Grade Weights

- 25% - Class assignments
- 75% - Assessments



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### **Science Safety Contract**

- Students will be conducting many exciting science activities this year.
  - **SAFETY** is the #1 priority in our classroom.
  - Please help me maintain a safe environment by reviewing the safety guidelines with your child.
1. I agree to act responsibly at all times in the classroom. I understand that horseplay, jokes, and pranks are not appropriate in a science classroom.
  2. I will follow all instructions, written and verbal.
  3. I will not touch any science equipment or supplies until instructed to do so by the teacher or adult.
  4. I will perform only those activities that have been authorized by the teacher or adult. I understand that unauthorized experiments are forbidden.
  5. I will not eat or drink anything in the lab (unless permitted by the teacher).
  6. I will keep my table and surrounding area clean, neat, and free of clutter.
  7. I will wear appropriate safety gear when necessary.
  8. I will immediately notify the teacher of an emergency or if others are breaking classroom rules.
  9. I will tie back long hair, baggy clothes, and dangling jewelry while doing laboratory activities.
  10. I will not take anything out of the classroom without permission from the teacher.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### Acknowledgment Sheet

Please return this page to Ms. Reeder after you review your syllabus with your parent/guardian. By signing you acknowledge that you understand the expectations for the 2023-2024 school year in 7th-grade science.

Ms. Reeder's Responsibilities

Student's Responsibilities

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Student Planner

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Safety Contract

### Student Acknowledgement

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Print Name (First & Last)

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Signature

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Period

### Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

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Print Name (First & Last)

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Signature

