

2021-2022 Syllabus Mrs. Shumate 7th grade Science

Welcome to 7th grade science! I look forward to a rewarding and fun year.

MyLearning & CLASS WEBSITE THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!

MyLearning

Parents can set up a myLearning observer account to monitor student progress. You will find classwork, assignments, classroom procedures, supply lists and other information there. Instructions for setting up an observer account are here <https://csrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/mylearning-resources/>

Class Website

The class website is a quick way for me to update the day-to-day classwork and store some useful information esp if parents do not set up an observer account on MyLearning. To access our **class website** look on the announcements page in myLearning or type in the url: <http://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/mshumate/>.

TEXTBOOKS

Books will be kept in class and pages torn out as needed. A thin binder or a 3 prong file folder is to hold the pages and any other handouts. Used pages can be kept at home to study for the year end final.

SUPPLIES

Please make sure you have the needed supplies. If you are unable to purchase them, please talk with me and we may be able to help. *Students are to keep classwork with them as they will need it to study and it may be graded after the test.* Notebooks and binders/folders must be with them at ALL times as they need the information that is in them to work & study.

SUPPLY LIST

Notebook	Dry erase board or a sheet protector to make 1 (optional)
½ to 1-inch binder with pockets OR 3 prong file folder	1 dry erase marker
3 x 5 lined index cards (not the big ones) No bright colors	Crayons or colored pencils
Paper, glue, pens, sharp pencils, pencil sharpener, ruler,	1 Dark Color Permanent Marker (Like a Sharpie)
scissors	Personal Protection Equipment as needed
2 different color highlighters (1 should be yellow)	

CLASSROOM DONATIONS

We greatly appreciate any donations of any classroom and pet supplies. **They can be used, but need to work.** Needed supplies will be posted on the website home page or in myLearning and will change from time to time. We can always use tissues, paper towels, wipes, index cards & supplies, which can be used, such as pencils markers, crayons, color pencils, highlighters & dry erase markers

CLASSROOM RULES & PROCEDURES

We will go over these the 1st week of school. Students will keep these in their binder. They will also be posted on the class website and MyLearning. Parents should look these over as well.

RESPONSIBILITY

If you are absent, lose or miss work it is **your** responsibility to **make it up**.
Look for missed work on myLearning, in the work folder, on MyStudent, the class website, on the board AND ask 3 classmates. After this, if there are any questions, ask me.
If a quiz or test is missed it is the student's responsibility to get with me to make it up

IF YOU ARE ABSENT for an extended time or QUARANTEENED you need to check MyLearning and the classwork page of the website so that you can stay current. I will publish the modules on the day we complete them, therefore any module that you can see you can review.

Papers that are left in class or with **no name** are put in the **red folder** and are not graded. It is **your responsibility** to check it. It will be emptied at Quarter end. Extra papers are in the yellow folders and most times can be downloaded from myStudent, MyLearning and/or the website.

AIR Time (All In Ravens)

This is a short period between 1st and 2nd period used for study, homework and for extra help. Students are encouraged to see any teachers for which they are needing extra help during this time.

GRADING in myStudent

90+ = A, 80's = B, 70's = C, 60's = D, Below 60 = F

Letter Grades: M (missing)- an assignment is not handed in on the due date. You have 1 week after that to give it to me it will stay an M and be worth 0 points. **0** - you handed it in and received 0 points. **X** - exempt and does not affect the grade.

AB - you were absent and need to make it up. **"I"** - it is incomplete and needs to be finished. **AB, I and M are treated as 0's until the assignment is completed.** My learning will only show grades that were submitted on MyLearning. The true grade is on MyStudent. I do not weight grades.

LATE WORK

I expect work to be completed on time as it is part of the learning process and plenty of time is given to complete it.

Late assignments will not always be accepted and will not always be taken for full credit.

No late work will be accepted after 1 week without a good reason and teacher approval.

Work that is handed in after I go over it will not be accepted for full credit.

HOMEWORK

I may not give **Homework** every night however you are expected to **Study** every night!

Science is not something you can memorize the night before.

Unfinished class work is always homework. Study like you **Expect a quiz tomorrow every day.**

SCHOOL FEES

We strongly encourage you to pay the school fees if you haven't already. These are voluntary, but they are of tremendous help in getting the lab supplies we need. Students can bring a check payable to CSRMS and a copy of the schedule to the office or you can pay them online.

MYStudent

It is important that both parent and student have an account to check grades. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of their progress. I have found that, especially in 7th grade, it is important for parents to discuss this with the student and be aware of grades.

CURRICULUM

Interdependence and Relationships Among Organisms

Electromagnetic Spectrum & Sound

Conservation of Energy & Heat Transfer

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Diversity & Evolution of Organisms

Heredity & Reproductions

Human Growth & Development

Interdependence and Relationships Among Organisms

Accelerated Classes include Space

COMMUNICATION

Parents, if you have email please email me at mshumate@pasco.k12.fl.us so that I can communicate with you regarding your child. Email is the quickest and easiest way for us to stay in touch. **** **Include student's science period (P) first followed by their full name in the subject of the email.** Example: **Px Jane Doe** (x = science period) This makes it easy to file and find.

Parents feel free to email me about your child. Include emotional needs, physical needs, academic and social interests, concerns and any information about past experiences that did or did not work well for them. This will help me to get to know your child and I will easily have your email address. Students, you may do this as well!

A **REMIND** account has been set up so that I can text messages to parents and students. Information is on the **class website** REMIND tab. **The codes are: Basic Science: @21ShuSci Accelerated Science: @21ShuASci**

Please stay in contact with me via email, remind, phone, or notes to school. Email and Remind are the easiest way to communicate. If I don't get back to you soon enough, please email again as I may have missed it. I welcome your comments and suggestions and PLEASE **set up MyStudent and MyLearning accounts** and monitor it with your student.

Thank you,

Michele Shumate, 7th grade Science teacher, team 7D (Innovators)

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- The Board recognizes that a course of study or certain instructional materials may contain content and/or activities that some parents find objectionable. If after careful, personal review of the program lessons and/or materials, a parent indicates to the school that either the content or the activity conflicts with his religious beliefs or value system, the school will consider a written request for his child to be excused from a particular class for specified reasons. The student, however, will not be excused from participating in the course and will be provided alternate learning activities during times of such parent requested absences.