



I use a variety of technology platforms to interact with my students:

**Schoolwires:** My Schoolwires page has very basic information about the topics that we will be covering.

**Schoology:** This is my main method of communication with students. Like the other members of the Fountain 7 team, I use the calendar feature to post tests and projects. This is the forum that students will use to submit most of their homework assignments. In an effort to reduce paper use and promote organization. I am going to use Schoology to share labs, presentations and notes with students.

## Grading Policy

### A. Tests & Quizzes-

Tests and quizzes will always be announced at least a week in advance. After school review is available. Students should come prepared with questions or areas that they would like to review. A study guide will be provided but the expectation is that students will use it as a guide as they prepare their own study tools.

### B. Homework-

At the beginning of each chapter, an assignment sheet will be given out listing most of the assignments. Students will write these assignments in their team assignment book. Homework should be handed in on time via Schoology. Homework will not receive full credit if it is incomplete or late. If a student experiences an internet/power/Schoology issue, they should hand in a hard copy of their homework. The team homework policy for marking periods 1 & 2 is that late work will be accepted for reduced credit. In science, no credit will be given to homework, which is handed in after the chapter test. For marking periods 3 & 4, late homework will not be accepted.

There are a variety of ways that I make students aware of what homework has been assigned- assignment sheet, written on board in class, and on Schoology. Because of this, I never expect to hear a student say -" I didn't know what the homework was."

### C. Labs -

Lab is the best way to learn about living things in a practical way. Most lab equipment is very fragile and expensive. Caution should be used when handling equipment. It is most important to follow directions in lab situations.

### D. Class Effort -

Class participation is one way to let the teacher know that a student understands the material. Participation includes contributing to class discussions, being attentive in class, behaving appropriately in class and bringing the necessary materials to class. When iPads

are used in class, students are expected to only be on the site/document that I have assigned.

#### **E. Notebook-**

A three-ringed binder is required. Students may share this binder with social studies. The binder should have 5 sections- Do Now, notes, homework, labs and projects. At the end of each marking period, students can clear out their science materials and leave them home. These materials are not to be thrown out.

### **Student Responsibilities**

#### **A. Come to class on time**

#### **B. Come to class prepared**

Students should bring a pen, paper, notebook and homework to class.

#### **C. Behave appropriately**

#### **D. Take care of school property**

Students should not leave their garbage in the science classroom. Food, gum and drinks are not permitted in the science classroom. The safety equipment should not be tampered with. Students should always clean whatever lab equipment they were using and put it back in its proper place before they leave.

#### **E. Backpacks should not be brought to class.**

#### **F. All assignments should be written in the assignment book**

Getting into the habit of recording each and every assignment in an assignment book daily will help to insure that assignments get done.

#### **G. Be responsible for work that occurs during an absence**

When a student is absent, it is their responsibility to find out what went on in their absence. Students should call a responsible friend, email me, check Schoology and/or speak with me directly upon their return.

#### **H. Appropriate Use of Technology.**

When a device is being used in the classroom, students should only be on the site that has been assigned .

### **Extra Help**

If a student does not understand something in science, they should speak to me. It is the student's responsibility to seek extra help. I may invite a student to stay after school if they are behind in their work or if I notice a lack of understanding. I will be available Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays for extra help. Students should make sure to let me know that they are coming in order to avoid possible conflicts.

I enjoy teaching life science and I hope students will enjoy learning about it. Communication is the key to a good experience. I will try my best to express my expectations clearly. Please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

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