

Mrs. Eakins 8th Grade Science 2019- 2020

I'm so excited to be part of the 8th grade gold team this year and I'm so excited that you will be part of my class. We're going to learn and explore lots of different science concepts while preparing for high school.

An eighth grader has many responsibilities. In addition to following all classroom and school expectations, they are looked to as role models for the school. That means that, as an eighth grader, the way you behave, both in and out of class, are looked at as how others should behave. Unlike in other schools, at Anza Trail you have more students watching your behavior. It is extremely important that you show respect for yourself, your peers, your school, and your environment by setting a good example. Always use appropriate language, being kind, using good manners, and keeping your personal well-being a priority are ways to set a good example. This year, we will have younger students in our building and it is important that you are aware of how you behave and how you model what a good student looks like.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ATTENDANCE

Attendance and participation are required. It is the students responsibility to find out what work they have missed if absent. Students have one day for each day missed to submit the work. After those days have passed, late work will not be accepted.

LATE WORK

A due date is a due date! Late work will be accepted for half credit, up to five days (including weekends), once entered into PowerSchool. After five days, the assignment will be marked a zero in the grade book. Papers without a name will receive no more than half credit.

GRADING

Grades will be entered into PowerSchool as quickly as possible. It is your responsibility to check that your grades match what is entered electronically. Late work will be entered when possible.

Grades are based on a point basis. Bell Work is worth (on average) 10 points, class work is worth a variety of points (depending on number of questions), quizzes are worth 50 points, and tests are worth 100 points. Points are entered into PowerSchool where an average is calculated and the grade is assigned.

HONESTY

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form. Any assignment that is proven to be the work of anyone other than the student will be given a zero.

TECHNOLOGY

No smart phones or other devices are allowed in class; unless permission is given by the teacher. Students who abuse this privilege will have it revoked. Please keep them in your backpacks on silent or turned off.

PREPARATION

Students are expected to be prepared for class each day. That means:

- You have needed items for the day (writing utensils, paper, notebook, & anything else needed)
- Your completed homework
- You start working on the assigned Bell Work once your materials are out.

RESTROOMS AND DRINKS

Restrooms and water fountains are to be used during passing periods. Students will not be allowed to go during class unless there is an emergency or special need.

CLASSROOM RULES

Be Respectful, Responsible, and Reliable

Be Safe

Follow all school rules, policies, and procedures

Follow all directions (verbal or written)

BEHAVIOR REWARDS

1. Good Grades
2. Attendance at 8th grade activities
3. Classroom rewards that will be determined by the class

BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES

1. Friendly reminder to follow guidelines and stay on task
2. Seat change possible and redirection to task
3. Coyote Caution (requiring a parent signature) or Handwritten standards (student's choice)
4. Coyote Caution (with parent contact by teacher)
5. Office Referral

****Severe Clause****: Any student who uses profanity, fights, damages school property (this includes the property of the teacher and other students) or is disrespectful (as defined by the teacher) will be sent to the office immediately.

Supplies:

Traditional School Supplies:

Pencils (mechanical with lead) **OR** (regular pencils with eraser AND a pencil sharper)

Pens (black or blue) (red, green, or other color for correcting or grading)

Highlighter

Headphones or Ear buds (for use with Discover Education and state testing)

Scissors

Glue Sticks

Color Pencils or crayons (no markers please)

Paper

Students will need a way of taking notes and keeping them organized, as well as keeping handouts and worksheets. They have several options, but I recommend one of the three listed below:

- 1) A 1 inch binder with loose-leaf notebook paper and dividers
 - a. Dividers can be labeled: Notes, Class work, Homework, Blank Paper
 - b. A binder hole punch is also helpful with this option

OR

- 2) A spiral ring notebook for notes (pages not to be removed) AND a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch binder or 2 pocket folder for worksheet that need to be kept and loose-leaf paper for classwork

OR

- 3) A 1 1/2 inch binder with a spiral ring notebook.
 - a. Spiral ring can be used for notes and fits into the binder
 - b. Handouts and worksheets can be kept neatly here too
 - c. Loose-leaf paper is kept neatly
 - d. Dividers can help keep things organized, but at not necessary
 - e. A binder hole punch is also helpful with this option

*****STUDENTS SHOULD ALSO HAVE A SILENT READING BOOK WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES!!!!*****

Contact Information:

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*** Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions, concerns, or issues. I am here to help your child. Open communication between parent, teacher, and child is the best way to help them become responsible and be prepared for high school.

Classroom Donations are always helpful and needed:

Tissues

Hand sanitizer

Paper towels

Disinfecting Wipes

Goal Setting

Student Name _____

Complete the Following statement:

I would like to earn a(n) _____ (enter a letter grade or percent) in Science this year.

List three ways or strategies you will use in order to achieve your goal. Answer in complete sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I have read the syllabus, set my goal, and discussed both with my parent/ guardian. By signing below, I am acknowledging that I have read and understand the syllabus provided.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Parent Name (printed)

Parent Signature

Date _____

***** Return this page to Mrs. Eakins by the following day for full credit.*****