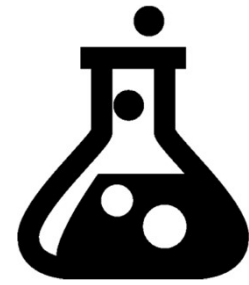




8th GRADE SCIENCE



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CLASSROOM VISION & VALUES

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All students will **PROBLEM SOLVE** to become agents of change in our world through *critical thinking, collaboration, and perseverance*.

CLASS MOTTO

*We are Badgers.
We will LIFT each other up!*

1

CRITICAL THINKING – We are often trained to just recall information and facts. However, to solve complex problems, we must learn how to engage in deep critical thinking.

2

COLLABORATION – We can achieve more by working together. This year we will find ways to effectively work together in small groups and as a class in order to achieve great things!

3

PERSEVERANCE – Our world's problems are not simple. It's easy to lose hope and give up. However, this year we will continue to work hard – even when we encounter a challenge!

Science truly encompasses aspects of every other major discipline. Everything that we do in science class is aimed to pave the way to your success in high school and beyond.

MATERIALS

WRITING UTENSILS

A pencil or pen is required every day!

PLANNER

Provided by KCJH, required daily. May be graded 1-2 times per 9 weeks.

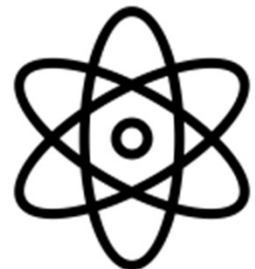
SCIENCE JOURNAL

Your lifeline! It will be used daily and graded at a minimum of once per 9 weeks. **Please use a sturdy 100+ page spiral bound notebook with a plastic cover.**

SUPPLIES

We will use the following district-provided supplies:

- Colored pencils
- Hand-held sharpener
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Index Cards



EXPECTATIONS & POLICIES

ABSENT WORK

It is your responsibility as a student to obtain and complete any absent work. For each day you are absent, you will be given that many days to complete the assignments. If you are absent the day of a quiz or test, you are expected to take it the day you return.



HALL PASSES

Students are given five hall passes each 9 weeks. These passes will be marked in the student's planner and kept in a file on my desk and can be used to obtain forgotten materials, to use the restroom, or get a drink at the fountain. Nurse passes will be given on a case-by-case basis. Hall passes may not be used during Prime Time and only at the discretion of Mrs. Cadena.



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Cheating and/or copying will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will be taken based on the school handbook.



TARDIES

Tardies are marked in the gradebook. You are responsible for making up any work (bell ringers, science journal instructions, etc.) that you miss due to a tardy.



CELL PHONES

As per KCJH Student Handbook policy, cell phones are not permitted to be used inside the classroom. Your cell phone needs to be turned off and in your backpack or locker. Any visible cell phones will be taken up and brought to the front office.



UNITS of STUDY

1. Atoms & The Periodic Table
2. Chemical Formulas & Reactions
3. Force & Motion & Newton's Laws
4. Global Weather Patterns
5. Forces that Change the Earth
6. Investigating the Sun, Earth, and Moon
7. Components of the Universe
8. Interdependence Among Living Systems
9. STAAR Review

GRADING

ASSIGNMENTS and HOMEWORK

Assignments given in class are expected to be completed in class. We will complete both traditional paper and pencil assignments as well as digital assignments. Due dates will be clearly communicated with students in advance.

Most homework is the result of work not being completed in class. Occasionally, work will be assigned that is expected to be completed outside of class time.

Students are expected to complete work by the due date as directed by the teacher.

9 WEEKS TEST (15%)

Each 9 weeks, you will either complete a project or take cumulative test to comprise this part of the grade.

DAILY WORK (50%)

Daily work includes classwork, homework, class participation, and quizzes. It may be graded for accuracy or completion. This is the bulk of your grade, so every assignment should be taken seriously.

TESTS/PROJECTS (35%)

Each unit will culminate with a summative assessment of either a test or a project. Open journal tests will be given periodically as a journal grade. There may also be progress monitoring and practice STAAR tests.

