**8th Grade Science**

Welcome to 8th Grade Science with Dr. S. This year we will dig deeper into scientific concepts that we started working on in the 6th and 7th grade. We will use the state standards as our guide to challenge you in new ways. We will immerse ourselves into chemistry, biology and physics. We will try to apply what you have learned in previous math and science classes in interactive ways such as labs, research papers and online tutorials.

You are all 8th graders now, you know what we expect. I will work my best to guide you through the material but I need your help. I need you to participate in class and be prepared. You need to ask questions and bring required materials to class.

What am I going to do to help you succeed? Well to do well you need support. To support your learning I will have the class textbook available online as well as in the library for sign out. I will be available daily in the mornings and after school by appointment. You will also be able to access the syllabus, worksheets, podcasts, test reviews, class news, class events, and all scheduled events such as tests and quizzes on the OTMS classroom page.

**Here comes the crummy part; RULES!!**

1. Follow all school rules
2. Respect everyone and all things in class
3. Participate in class
4. Complete all class and home work
5. Be prepared

**Tests and Assignments:**

Most of your work will be online so you will need to be cognizant of due dates. Any work that is written and handed in must be returned in an orderly manner, this means:

* No torn or crumpled paper
* All labs and work submitted should be in pencil and use a ruler for all lines
* Must use complete sentences
* Must meet objectives
* Must have your full name

**Grading**

My class is organized with 80% of your grade is test or assessment based. The remaining 20% is split up into homework and warm up grades both being worth 10% each. Not all homework or warm-ups will be assigned a grade, so work hard you never know when I will collect these for a grade. If you complete your assignment after the due date it is an automatic 10% deduction from your grade and every day after that is another 5% deduction. That being said, I am pretty flexible. So, if your assignment is late and you have a note from your parents or just a good reason I am sure we could work something out.

* **Tests: We will be using an electronic clicker system for almost every test; this ensures prompt grading and feedback so you always know how you are doing in class. That being said, I will always offer retakes for a C grade or lower after school ONLY!!**
* **Warm Ups: There is a daily warm up posted on the front board. The warm-up is usually a written response to a problem. I collect those at random for 10% of your grade so be sure you are always working on that warm up at the start of class. There are no retakes for warm up grades.**
* **Homework: Yes you will have written homework from time to time. It will always be posted on the class room page if you forget it in your locker print the worksheet off at home. There are no retakes for homework and late grade deductions do apply as mentioned above.**

**Absences**

Everybody has to miss school from time to time, this is understood. But to help you parents out I have put a link to the classroom text book on my classroom page. I will show the students how to access it and they can show you how to do this as well. Also on my classroom page I post the lesson plan for the day. If your child is home sick, please have them look at my classroom page to see what we are doing that day. So if there is some reading or a warm-up assignment, they can work on that at home.

**Parents**

Please read the above document very carefully. I really encourage you to ask any questions. It is also always a great experience to have parents involved with their child’s learning. Please use my classroom page, which can be found on the Overland Trail website on the district homepage. If you have any questions or concerns I would love to hear from you so simply shoot me an email or call me. Your child can show you how to find the classroom page since we will be going over that in class. You will find my contact information below. To begin your involvement in your child’s learning, please sign the document below and have your child return the bottom portion by August 25, 2011.

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I acknowledge that I have seen and read Dr. Sasseville’s class description.

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