

Mrs. Mabile's

Science Class Guidelines/Syllabus



Welcome to Science class! This class will give you a better understanding of the world you live in and prepare you for future science classes.

Expectations:

In this class, you are expected to do every homework assignment, and to study and prepare yourself for every class. You are also expected to follow the class rules. If you are to learn, then you must comply with these expectations!

My goals for all science students in my classes:

1. Instill in students a love for science!!!
2. Students will understand the world that they live in and that God created.
3. Students will be able to use knowledge to serve God and others.

Grading:

Tests

Tests will be worth 100 points. These include end of chapter assessments, vocabulary terms, take home tests (sometimes), etc. Tests will equal 40% of your final grade.

Quizzes

Quizzes will be smaller assessments and may be announced or unannounced (pop!). These will be 20% of your final grade.

Homework

Homework grades will be taken randomly. You are expected to do all homework assignments whether they are graded or not. Homework grades will be worth 20% of your final grade.

Lab Reports/Assignments

Lab reports will count as test grades: 100 points.

Projects

During the course of the year, you will be asked to work on various projects – some in class with group members and some will be at home. These projects will be equal to test grades.

Science Fair Projects

6th – 8th grade students are required to participate in the Science Fair which will be held in January 2008. This year winners will advance to the district/regional science fair to represent our school. The overall science fair project will be worth

100 points (same as test grades). Minor assignments relating to the science fair will be given throughout first semester.

Exams

Exams will be cumulative for each 9 weeks. Exams will be worth 20% of your overall grade.

Summary:

Tests (projects, lab reports, science fair):	40%
Homework:	20%
Classwork:	20%
Exam:	20%

Communication:

Parents may communicate with me via phone (684-1843) or email (stalphonsus@bellsouth.net). Parents may also call or text my cell phone (601-395-0176). Students may not text me or call my cell. Students should feel free to ask me questions in class or after class.

Other:

Students in middle school are at a new level in their lives. They are responsible for their own learning and should be less dependent upon their parents for assistance! However, parents can help by calling out notes or vocabulary terms AND by checking and signing the agenda book nightly.

WARNING: This class will be rigorous and students WILL be given homework. They are expected to keep up and study! BUT students are sure to enjoy the activities that we will be doing in science class.

What we are learning:

6th – 8th grade: First 4-6 weeks: Scientific Inquiry, Methodology & Experimentation

6th: Earth Science 7th: Life Science 8th: Physical Science

There will be times throughout the year when students will be participating in integrated science activities.

About your teacher:

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry Education from SELU. I also hold a Master's Degree in Geosciences from MSU and Master's Degree in Catholic School Leadership from Marymount University in Arlington, VA. Also, I am a National Board Certified Teacher in Science and I am certified as an administrator.

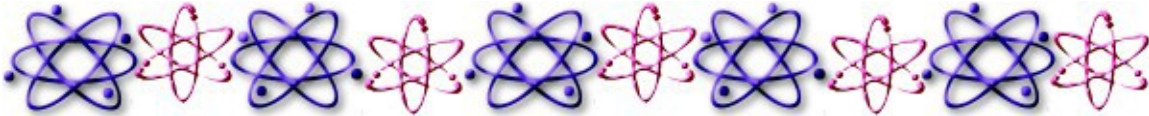
I have 16 years of education experience and have taught chemistry, honors chemistry, environmental science, physical science, physics, biology and 7th and 8th grade science.

I have been married for 19 years to my husband Troy and have 3 children ages 17, 15, 12. I enjoy reading, camping, and I am a beginning knitter! I have a cute dog named Daisy, a fat cat named Petie, and a bunch of chickens and cows.

I understand and I am willing to comply with the expectations outlined in this class guidelines sheet.

Student Signature / Date

Parent Signature / Date



Please sign and return to Mrs. Mabile. Keep the other sheets in your binder as a reminder to you.