Earth Science

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A305

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Planning: 4th Block 1:30-3:00

Earth Science is the study of the Earth and the Universe we live in.  In this course we will study 4 major areas:

* Geology
* Astronomy
* Oceanography, Meteorology, and Groundwater
* Scientific Investigation

Required Textbook(s):  Holt McDougal Earth Science, Holt McDougal Earth Science Workbook

EARTH SCIENCE IS A SOL COURSE; THERE WILL BE AN END OF COURSE TEST OVER THE ENTIRE SEMESTER.

Class Rules

* Cell phone usage is not allowed. Cell phones will be put in a basket first thing when the student comes into class.
* You must be in the classroom in your seat before the bell rings.  If not, then you will be considered tardy and given a tardy slip.
* Do not touch anything in my room without permission.
* Do not bring in any other textbooks except Earth Science.  If you do, I will have a designated place for them.
* You may NOT work on any other assignments except Earth Science, no exceptions!
* If you are absent, you have 5 class days to turn in missed work, after that it will be recorded as a zero.
* Do not speak until I give you permission to speak.
* You may have gum and Candy, unless I find it on my carpet or tables.
* Any equipment broken will be reimbursed to the science department.
* I do not provide paper or any form of writing utensil; failure to bring either or both will result in a zero on all work for that day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Whenever Engaged In an Laboratory Experience

* Do wear clothing that demonstrates your role as a student of Earth Science. When engaged in laboratory activities, tie back long hair, secure loose clothing, and remove dangling jewelry.
* Do remove headwear when you enter the room. (*Things like hoodies, things that will be a potential combustible)*.
* Do use correct grammar and appropriate words.
* Do leave all food and drinks outside of the classroom. Having food and beverages inside of a classroom-laboratory is a violation of school policy, safety procedures, and Virginia state law.
* Do wear goggles at ALL times when engaged in a laboratory experience. This is consistent with safety procedures and Virginia state law. If a student is discovered not wearing goggles during a laboratory experience, he/she will not be allowed to complete the laboratory experience and will receive a grade of zero.

Class Materials

* Subject Notebook
* Pen or Pencil
* A 1.5 OR 2 inch Binder
  + Colored Pencils
  + Calculator

Grading System

* Exams: 30% of each 9-weeks grade
* Quizzes: 20% of each 9-weeks grade
* Daily Work and Homework: 30% of each 9-weeks grade
* Labs: 20% of each 9-weeks grade

Grading Scale

A+ 100-99 B+ 92-91 C+ 85-84 D+ 77-76 F below 70

A     98-95 B   90-88 C   83-80 D    75-72

A -   94-93 B - 87-86 C –79-78 D – 71-70

EXCESSIVE/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Points will be subtracted from nine weeks and semester grades for excessive/unexcused absences.  See Student Handbook for further information.

Final Thoughts

New Earth Science standards will better enable students to succeed at the college level. I am excited to help our students towards their future goals.  I hope parents and students alike will be focused on the task at hand and together we will succeed and excel.

*I HAVE READ OVER THE COURSE OUTLINE AND RULES.   I UNDERSTAND WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE STUDENT/CHILD FOR THE SEMESTER. THIS SIGNED SYLLABUS AND RULES WILL STAY IN MY BINDER ALL SEMESTER.*

STUDENT SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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