**8th Grade Science**

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Welcome to the Wonderful World of Science. I am looking forward to a fantastic year. Our curriculum covers benchmarks from Earth science. I have an open door policy towards my students and parents. Please feel free to contact me whenever you have any concerns. I can be reached usually one hour before school begins and 15 minutes after school ends. I can be contacted by e-mail or phone.

## Recommended Materials

Pencil or pen (blue or Black ink only)

Spiral notebook

Colored Pencils

All books and materials will be brought to class every day!

## Classroom Policies

We will be using the Lifeskills and Guidelines the district has adopted. Your student should already be familiar with these policies. Kennedy is a gum free school and I abide by that rule. I keep a daily classroom infraction record. Classroom infractions range from chewing gum, leaning in a lab stool, tardy to class, to general school infractions. Citizenship is determined on how many rules your student does or does not break. When an infraction occurs, I mark an “N” in my record book. Below is my citizenship scale.

0 N’s Outstanding-O

1-4 N’s Satisfactory-S

5-8 N’s Needs improvement-N

9 or more Unsatisfactory-U

You will be contacted at 4 or more N’s.

## Grading Scale

I am always asked, “What’s my Grade?” Well fear no more, here’s how to determine your grade. Students will be graded in three categories, they are:

1. Assessments
2. Projects and Labs
3. Homework

* Assessments are worth 50% of the grade
* Projects and Labs are worth 40% of the grade
* Home/classwork is worth10% of the grade

**Homework**

* Homework is due the day after the assignment has been issued
* If you are absent on the day an assignment is due, the assignment is due the day you return back to school
* Homework is self assessed. I give an effort grade
* If an answer is incorrectly written I expect the student to change the answer
* Asking questions is encouraged
* Late homework or homework left in the student’s locker is subject to reduced credit

If you have any questions about these policies I will gladly discuss them with you. I look forward to meeting with you at Kennedy’s Curriculum Night.

## Curriculum Topics

**Earth Science**

Earth systems Earth Space/Time

Fluid Earth Astronomy

Solid Earth