

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 worth 10% 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	