

# Freeport Area Middle School

## Sixth Grade SCIENCE

### Mr. Gaillot

**Topics:** The topics will include, but not be limited to...

- Lab safety
- Discussion of the Scientific Process and Theory
- Living things: Plants, Animals, Viruses, etc.
- Moon positions and Space
- Atmospheric Layers
- Careers in science
- Weathering and Soil
- Erosion
- Weather

**Textbooks** to be used will include:

- DIVERSITY OF LIFE: *Interactive Science* - Prentice Hall Publishing
- EARTH'S SURFACE: *Interactive Science* - Prentice Hall Publishing
- ASTRONOMY AND SPACE SCIENCE: *Interactive Science* - Prentice Hall Publishing
- WATER AND THE ATMOSPHERE: *Interactive Science* Prentice Hall Publishing

-In addition to these textbooks, a variety of movies, videotapes, periodicals, hands-on experiments, demonstrations, and computer software may be used when appropriate.

### Grading

All letter grades will be determined using the building scale:

A = 91% to 100%      B = 81% to 90%      C = 70% to 80%      D = 60% to 69%

**Assessment** and grades will be determined using these methods:

Tests- Tests will be given following determined sections and chapters.

- Test are closed book exams.
- It is HIGHLY encouraged that you study with your student when tests are approaching.

Quizzes- Within a chapter there are sections.

- All quizzes are open book unless otherwise specified. (There will be limited closed book quizzes.)
- Quizzes are typically 10-15pts.

Homework – All assignments will be listed on Schoology every week.

The following are the homework assignments that I will Grade.

1. Vocabulary
2. Notes
3. Worksheets

Projects- All directions for projects will be covered prior to the start of it. If a student follows the rubric and is timely with the project due dates they should have no issue getting full credit! *A letter grade is deducted for every day that the project is not turned in on time.* So if the project is a day late the highest B would be the most that could be achieved.

\*Adaptations for students with IEPs will be made by both the teacher and by the learning support teachers.

\*All grades can be accessed by both student and parents through PowerSchool. If there is any question as to grades, please ensure that you have checked PowerSchool prior to contacting the teacher. \*

**Absenteeism and Make-Up Work-** It is most essential that a student is present each day in school. If a student misses 1-2 days, **it is the student's responsibility** to check Schoology and complete the work that was covered during the day of absence. Do the following...

- Log onto Schoology.
- Find "Current Science Lesson Plans."
- Read under the days absent and complete any work under that given day.

**If a student misses a test or in-class quiz, please make arrangements with the teacher within a reasonable amount of time to make it up as per the student handbook.**

### **Classroom Rules and Expectations**

- ✓ **Be prompt**
- ✓ **Be prepared-** Have all classroom materials out and ready to go when the bell rings. Have homework completed.
- ✓ **Be enthusiastic-** Participate and volunteer! Have a positive attitude.
- ✓ **Be cooperative-** There will be times you will be working with a lab partner or in small groups.
- ✓ **Be respectful-** Use all lab equipment appropriately. Follow the teacher's directions and be aware of how your actions can affect those around you.

## **Behavior Plan**

The behavior plan works on nine week basis. Each nine weeks the students start with a clean slate; therefore, the students always have a chance to improve their actions.

For missed HW the following actions will take place:

- 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> missed HW=warning
- Any further assignments missed could require a phone call home and possible detention if excessive amounts are missed.

For breaking classroom rules, forgetting materials, etc. the following actions will take place:


- 1<sup>st</sup> consequence= warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> consequence= warning with further explanation.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> consequence= phone call/email contact with parent/guardian
- Obsessive forgetfulness of materials, displays of disrespectful behavior, ect could result in lunch detention.

## **Classroom Supplies (Bring Daily to Class)**

- ✓ Current Textbook (Teacher Provided)
- ✓ Science Folder
- ✓ Vocabulary Notebook
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Highlighter

## **My Goal**

My goal as a teacher this year is to instill a love of learning, especially in the area of Science. I commit to enthusiastically model teaching in hope of challenging students to see how everything in the world around them can seemingly be tied to an area of Science From the food we eat (Agricultural Science), to the stars in outer space (Astronomy), to the flowering and nonflowering plants around them (Horticulture); I want students to get EXCITED about Science and what we are learning. If there is ever any questions you have please do not hesitate to contact me with the information below. I look forward to working with all of you this year!



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