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Ida Price Middle School Life Science

Instructor: Mrs. Siguenza

7th Grade Science is a yearlong class with a focus on Life Science. It will include laboratory experiments and the Nature of Science. The textbook we use is Holt Life Science written to address the California State Science Standards. Our science facility has 16 lab stations and computers carts for our use.

Classroom Expectations

- **Class Assignments:** Students will be expected to complete all in-class assignments.
- **Homework Assignments:** Homework is an important and essential part of your grade. Homework for the **entire week** will be written in the **Price Student Handbook Agenda** every MONDAY.
- **Absenteeism and Make-Up Work-** The science curriculum is based on hands on labs and at times computer use. It is important to attend class unless illness prevents it. All work is due in a timely manner; **no late work will be accepted**. Exceptions will be made for illness on class assignments and homework, **not projects**, and the student must make arrangements for a make-up upon their return to class, or for a **parent to drop off a project on date due**.

Materials Needed Daily

Science Binder- thin **three ringed binder**- 1 inch (works best if ONLY for science, old binders are perfect!)

Notebook paper- (a small amount in binder **at all times**)

4 labeled section dividers (1. To Do 2. Notes 3. Labs, 4. Graded work) Buy or MAKE these, add labels!

Pens and Pencils

Red correction pen and highlighters

Colored pencils – always come in handy but not required

Classroom Rules: All follow Ida Price PROUD

- **Be Prepared:** Be Responsible for your behavior and actions, remember you are in charge of yourself. Bring Science Binder, Interactive Reader, homework, paper, and pencil on a **daily** basis. Yes this takes effort and responsibility on your part. **Detention given for not having materials daily**
- **Be Respectful:** All students, class property and the teacher deserve respect and caring. Cooperation with in this lab class is a must to be successful.
- **Operate safely:** Follow directions, be flexible, science takes time so be patient and you will persevere.
- **Understand others:** Always use common sense when making decisions in the lab area. You will have the chance to work with many lab partners through the year so build new friendships and use your sense of humor when the going gets rough.
- **Demonstrate:** Science is a great subject to utilize your problem solving skills, tap into your curiosity, take the initiative to learn new ideas, and use your courage to accomplish tasks.

Behavior Consequences:

Warning- Name on Board with 15 minute detention-(this is also immediate for tardiness, i.e. not in your seat when the bell rings.)

Severe Problem- Immediate removal from lab activity- if there is a failure to follow safety rules or misuse of lab equipment.

Referral- Phone call home and school detention for severe problems.

Grading Policy

Grades will be viewed On-Line using the Power School Program.

To succeed students must keep assignments up to date in their science binder.

Bring all materials to class daily and attend class daily. Participation in labs is a major part of the class. Homework is a major factor for a passing grade. Studying for and passing tests is very important.

Teacher Availability:

I am available to help students after school any day but Wed. The best way to contact me about concerns or with questions is to e-mail me at Siguenzan@camabriands.com and make sure to place **PRICE PARENT and student first and last name in subject line**. I will get back to you as soon as I can. Last resort you can call the school and leave a message. Phone- 377-2532

Parent Donations:

If it is convenient to donate any of the following to our science class it would be greatly appreciated.

Paper Towels - very important used at lab stations all year

*Target gift cards- I buy small items for science projects constantly!

Kleenex- 180 noses a day...imagine the usage!

Disposable Gloves- non-latex-**medium** size fits 95% of kids!!!

The students and I appreciate your generosity!

******DO NOT CUT OR DETACH. This paper is now FIRST page in science binder!!!**

Homework Assignment- Please have this paper signed by parent or guardian and then place it in the very front of your Science Binder. Signatures show that you and parent have read, understand, and agree to the rules and procedures of this class.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

******If you are having financial difficulties and can't buy/obtain the required daily classroom items, then please email me to tell me so I can provide them (BEFORE DUE). ******

Welcome to Life Science, this should be a great year!