**Seventh Grade Science Syllabus - Ms. Connell**

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**Required Materials:**

The following materials will be needed daily:

* Binder
* Pencil/pen/highlighter
* Loose leaf paper
* Agenda

Check the whiteboard daily for information on when to bring the following materials to class.

* Colored pencils or markers
* Tape or scissors
* Calculators or rulers

**Classroom Expectations:**

In keeping with the Pillars Program to develop character, the following ethics are expected:

* Caring – giving 100% in work quality and class involvement
* Responsibility – coming to class with required materials, making up work promptly when absent, and completing daily assignments on time
* Trustworthiness – creating original work
* Respect – polite speech and manner towards self and others
* Fairness – awareness that what is fair is not always the same for all students
* Citizenship – contributing to class discussions and working well with others

**Discipline Policy:**

In order to maintain a comfortable and safe learning environment where you are continually discovering and growing, you are expected to obey the RMS All School Rules, as well as to meet the *classroom requirements*. They can be summarized by being prompt (for class and with work), prepared (homework finished and ready to participate) and polite (practicing the Six Pillars of Character). If you choose not to follow the requirements, the following consequences will take place:

* Warning
* Student-teacher conferences
* Parent notification
* Detentions
* Severe misbehavior and/or persistent violations will result in office referrals

**Science Skills:** measurement, observation, questioning, prediction, analysis, classification, identification, inference, interpretation, conclusion, association, data collection, communication, graphing, research

**Life Skills:** organization, responsibility, work quality, following directions, questioning, cooperation, time management, note taking, study habits

**Grading Policy:**

Your grade for this class will be determined using a point system. The following items will contribute to your total points:

* Bell work
* Current Science Article Reading and Questions
* Unit portfolio pieces
* Homework checks/signatures
* Projects
* Tests

**Homework Policy:**

The following criteria are expected to receive full homework points:

* Homework is to be completed on time.
* Late homework will not receive full credit unless due to an excused absence/reason.
* If a class is missed due to band, orchestra, or a counselor meeting, it is **your responsibility** to find out the missed assignments that are to be completed for the next day. Please come and ask me as soon as you return.
* All questions are fully answered, including the use of complete sentences.
* Homework is neat and legible.
* If all of these guidelines are not met, partial homework points will be given.

**Absent Policy:**

If you are absent it is **your responsibility** to:

* Check the classroom website for missing assignments when you return to class. Copy notes missed from website or from another student either in your science class or another of my science classes.
* If possible, set up a homework buddy that you can call, text or e-mail to find out what happened in class.

**Extra Help:**

Students are encouraged to communicate their needs throughout the year, asking for help or clarification as often as necessary. If you are in need of extra help on a one-on-one basis, come to room 106 during any study day in advisory.

**Keep this syllabus as a reference!**

(Student Name)

(Student Signature) (Parent or Guardian Signature)