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Period _____

Welcome to 6th Grade Science!
Ms. Calabrese
Room 101
2013-2014

A little about this class:

- We will be covering two exciting units in 6th Grade! We will start with STC Catastrophic Events unit and later move into STC Organisms - From Macro to Micro unit. For more information, see the “6th Grade Unit Sequences” document on my website!
- We will have fun with safe, hands-on experiments in groups
- We will use your many resources to study each unit - laptops will frequently used in this class

Supplies to bring EVERY DAY:

- Science notebook
- Science folder or binder
- Something to write with - pencil is preferred!
- Laptops and tablets - CHARGED

Top 5 Classroom Rules:

1. Adhere to all rules in the handbook and safety contract
2. Respect others
3. Be prepared with your supplies and classwork
4. Stay on task during class
5. Always give your best effort

Class Policies:

- **Grades:** I take grades on assignments including class work, experiments, presentations, projects, homework, and quizzes. You will succeed if you try your best on all your work and complete all assignments. I also believe in EXTRA CREDIT and allowing CORRECTIONS. Please make corrections on graded work and complete the extra tasks to improve your grade. We all make mistakes, so use these opportunities to learn from them!
- **Late Work:** Due dates for assignments are posted on the board and my website. Students will write will write important dates in their assignment notebooks at the beginning of class. Late work is expected to be completed but will receive a lower grade.
- **Absences:** Please let me know if you know in advance you will be absent. If you are sick make sure you get some rest, get better, come back to

school, and then make up the missing work. I will work with you on when we can go over the information that was missed.

- **Paper Copies:** Laptops will usually be used for classwork. However, we can almost always figure out a paper option for students if needed.

Classroom Procedures:

When the bell rings you should be seated, put everything away, and look at the front of the room for the bellringer and agenda.

Have something to turn in?

There are turn in bins for paper copies at the front of the classroom - everything should go in your class bin!

Many documents will be turned in electronically - make sure you are careful to follow all directions!

Need to get up from your seat?

I have a non-verbal system for you to check in with me about what you need! Please try your best to follow it so that everyone has a positive learning environment.

If you are leaving the room, you must fill in the sign-out sheet and take a pass.

Consequences for breaking a rule:

Rules are in place to keep us safe and help us learn. I believe all students have the right to succeed and I will not accept any behavior that hinders this.

Students are expected to be prepared, respectful, and safe. Any behavior that goes against these rules will result in a consequence

Generally, students who are inappropriate or off-task will first receive a verbal reminder or warning. If necessary, a seat change may occur. If students continue with the inappropriate or off-task behavior, they will receive a minor.

Every 4 minors results in a major (phone call home and detention)

Severe Clause: In case of extremely offensive behaviors, the student can automatically receive a minor, major, or be sent directly to the office (depending on the behavior).

If you cannot use your laptop or tablet appropriately, you will be moved to a paper copy or the device may be taken away. Students could also receive a write-up for the behavior.

If you cannot use the lab equipment appropriately, you will lose your lab privileges and given an alternate assignment. Students could also receive a write-up for the behavior.

Looking for information?

My contact information:

E-mail: calabrese.regina@ccsd59.org (best way to reach me!)

Phone: (847) 472-3660

Check out my website off the Holme's website! I will update my website every week to include important information like topics being covered, homework, and upcoming projects or assessments.

More information to come about getting e-mail/text alerts of important class

information!

Good luck this school year and make good choices!
I look forward to getting to know you all.

Ms. Calabrese

YOUR FIRST CHANCE FOR EXTRA CREDIT!

You can earn extra credit if you read over this information with a
parent/guardian at home! Just have them sign at the bottom and bring it back


