

Course Title: General Science

Teacher: Mrs. Graham

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The best time to reach me is Mon-Fri anytime between 8:00am-5:00pm

Materials Supplies Needed for these Courses:

Students MUST have the following:

- *Apologia Exploring Creation with General Science Textbook*
- *Notebooking Journal* (referred to as **Notebooks**)
- **1-inch 3-Ring Binder** (A Syllabus for this course will be provided, including the Weekly Assignment Guide) with
- **5 dividers sectioned:** 1. Get Ready! 2. Notes 3. Weekly Assignments 4. Tests/Quizzes 5. Notebook paper.

My Goals are that each student would:

Have fun and interactive experience while exposing middle school students to the fields of applied sciences from a Kingdom perspective. We will discuss the fields of Physics, Geology, Chemistry and Biology while preparing students for the higher-level high school sciences. This goal will be accomplished by students learning to follow a syllabus, completing assignments and experiments on time, and learning to interpret, record, and draw conclusions from data observed and collected in scientific experiments. We will focus on the scientific method and how it can be used to observe the world around us.

What you can expect of the Teacher:

- I will be professional, prepared, and on time.
- I will be available to you, the parent, so that our partnership will be successful.
- I will be attentive to each student and seek to develop their unique perspective as it pertains to problem solving as well as challenge them to achieve beyond what they have ever thought possible.

What I expect of Parents:

I need Parents to:

- assist students in keeping up with the syllabus so that the work is turned in on time every week
- grade the daily homework and mark the numbers wrong across the top of the page
- check **FACTS AT LEAST** once per week and review your child's progress
- provide the necessary assistance when a student struggles (suggestions would be: 1. Help them with homework; 2. Ask questions; 3. Hire a private tutor if necessary)

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- occasionally proctor tests, online tests, and quizzes (This means making sure that they take these assessments with integrity and NO outside assistance.)

What I expect of Students:

Students will:

- complete the weekly lessons and turn them in on time
- ask questions and participate actively in class—PLEASE contact me if you need help!
- not associate their worth with a letter grade Self-esteem should NOT be tied to letter grades. Studying science can be a great experience in tackling a challenge, learning perseverance, and maintaining a great attitude. All of these are terrific benefits regardless of individual letter grades on assignments and assessments. As a strong work ethic is applied skill level WILL go up.

Grading:

Grades are given to a variety of assessments, tasks, and projects.

Grades are weighted as follows:

- **45% Tests**
- **25% Labs & Quizzes**
- **20% Homework**
- **10% Notebook & Get Ready!**

How to Get an 'A' in this Class:

- Turn your completed and graded homework in ON TIME!
- Keep an organized notebook.
- Work consistently every day. Do not make it a habit to let your homework pile up or do it all in one day.
- Get help when you need it.



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