

THIS NEWSLETTER SHOULD BECOME THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR SCIENCE NOTEBOOK.

**Mrs. Walker's 7th Grade Science Classroom
Syllabus/Information Sheet**

Welcome

Welcome to 7th grade. I am here to help you and guide you on your journey through middle school. This year will be a time for growth and maturity as you meet new challenges and experiences.

Overview

This year in science we will continue to investigate the world around us. We will do this through observing, inquiring, investigating and experimenting. The major concepts studied this year are:

Energy Conservation and Transformation
Atmosphere and Weather
Cells and Body Systems
Genetics and Evolution
Motion and Forces

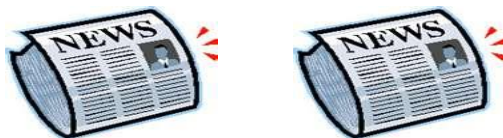
Materials and Supplies

- 3-ring binder
- 1 spiral notebook or composition book (JOURNAL)
- pencils/pens
- loose leaf notebook paper
- graph paper
- colored pencils/crayons/markers



Current Events

Current Events will be assigned and collected bi-weekly. Students will receive a separate requirement form and rubric specifying the guidelines and write-ups for each science related article





Science Notebook

You are required to have all work in a 3-ring binder. The 1st page of your binder should be the table of contents and then this information sheet. Everything should be placed in order by date and should be written on your table of contents. Notebook quizzes or checks will occur at least once every nine weeks and will count as a quiz grade.

Science Journal

A one subject spiral bound composition book will be used as a classroom journal. The composition book will be written in at the start of each science class. It will contain lesson warm-ups and daily reflections. **Daily journal entries should be labeled with the journal number and I can statement.** Journals will be graded bi-weekly.

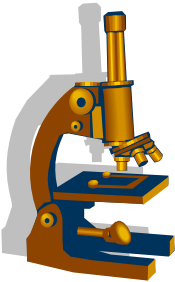
Class work and Homework

Class work is student/group worksheets or assignments that are started in class and sometimes completed for homework. Class work will be graded for accuracy and/or completion.

Homework will be checked to be sure it is completed. There will be times when homework is collected and graded for accuracy. Homework should be neat and as presentable as class work.

Make-up work/ Late work

- Homework assignments are due on the assigned due date. If the assignment is turned in late, the student will receive "70% or lower on the assignment. Projects and current events can be turned in one day late with a letter grade deduction. Do your best to turn all assignments in **on** time.
- If you are absent, you are responsible for making up the work missed. Students who are absent for several days have three days to make up major assignments, unless prior approval has been given by the teacher. Again, it is your responsibility to get the work, complete it and to turn it in.



Quizzes and Test

Vocabulary/Concept Quizzes will occur at least once every two weeks. Test will be announced at least one week in advance. All projects will count as test grades and lab write-ups will count as quizzes. **All graded/returned quizzes and tests should be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the teacher.**

Student Expectations and Classroom Rules

Each student is expected to respect themselves, their peers, their teachers/administrators and their school/community. Take responsibility for your own learning.

- Be punctual.
- Be prepared.
- Be respectful.
- Be responsible.
- Be safe.
- Be caring.
- Obey all district/school rules.



Grading Scale

A	100- 90
B	89-80
C.....	79-70
D.....	69-60
F.....	59-0

Grading Policy

Test/Projects.....	40%
CW/HW/Journals...	30%
Quiz/Labs.....	20%
Current Events/Discussions.....	10%
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Total.....	100%

Contacting the Teacher

- Call the school at 336- 370-3471
- E-mail me: walkera6@gcsnc.com

