



## Procedures and Expectations

### 7 Red Science

### Miss Goulet

Welcome to 7th grade science Class of **2015!** I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year with you. The following is an explanation of the expectations and procedures for science, as well as an explanation of the homework and grading policies.

### Expectations

When you come to science class you are expected to be prepared. While in class you are expected to be respectful and work to your potential.

1) You are **prepared** for class if you

- (a) have completed your homework **and** have it with you,
- (b) have your science binder **and** science journal with you, and
- (c) have a pencil, pen and other requested materials.
- (d) are **seated** in your assigned seat **and quiet** when it is time to begin class  
(unless the question of the day directs you to have a discussion at your table)

3) Act in a **safe** manner (fooling around, running, and leaning back in your chair are not safe)

4) During class - **quiet down** when requested. We will do a lot of group activities during the year and giving me your attention when requested is essential so that we can do fun activities.

5) Behave in accordance with the team constitution (you will hear about that very soon)

**If expectations are not met:** Students who are late for class without a pass or an acceptable explanation, and/or students who continually come to class unprepared (see above), are disruptive, or otherwise don't meet the expectations, will be required to fill out a "**Think About It**" sheet. This sheet may or may not need to be signed by a parent or guardian depending on the situation. In addition, the student may be required to **stay after school** (with time given to arrange for a ride home). On a first after school visit, they will be asked to explain their behavior and come up with a plan to prevent a repeat occurrence. If a student has to visit a second time, they will be asked to write a letter home to their parent(s)/guardian(s). That letter must be signed and returned. Other consequences for not meeting expectations will include those in the student handbook - based on the nature and severity of the offense.

### Review Sessions

Review sessions (extra help) will be available in the morning by appointment and after school one to two days a week. **The after school extra help days will be posted weekly, but are usually Thursday and Friday.**

### Homework Policy

The **purpose** of homework is to review the material covered and/or prepare for upcoming lessons.

**What You Can Expect:** Homework will be assigned every other day, in general (this is dependent on whether we are using a single or double block schedule and what topic we are covering at the time). Assignments will consist of reading, answering questions, writing laboratory reports, working on projects, studying for quizzes, etc... You can expect your science homework to take approximately 20-30 minutes a night. Before starting your science homework you should spend a few minutes reviewing the topics covered in class that day.

**Where Do You Do Your Homework:** Homework assignments will be completed in your science journal, science binder, or on separate paper (i.e. poster board for larger projects). We will keep track of assignments on a science assignment sheet, which I will provide.

**What I Expect:** I don't expect perfect answers. Many people get worried when they don't know the answer, but most of the time your science homework will not be graded for correctness, just completeness, thoroughness and thoughtfulness. Following directions is also an important part of any assignment. Occasionally, you will be asked to reflect or write a conclusion about a lab/topic and/or to complete an assignment used to assess your mastery of a topic. In these cases the content and correctness of your responses will be graded, but this will be announced when the assignment is given. I do expect homework to be done on time, but I realize that doesn't always happen. So...

**What if Homework is Late:** Students who fail to hand in work on time can receive partial credit for missed assignments; however, the amount of credit received depends on the quality and completeness of the assignment, as well as on how late it is. After a reasonable period of time, assignments will not be accepted and a zero will be averaged in.

### Absences

Students who are absent should (1) contact a classmate to find out what they missed; (2) check the binder table of contents, homework assignment list and vocabulary list posted in the classroom; (3) check the "paper sorter" for any new papers; (4) then see me (Miss Goulet) for an explanation of the materials or any additional information.

**As stated in the Student Handbook, when a student has been absent they have as many days to make up the missed work as they were out of school (for example, if you were absent two days then you have two days to make it up).** The exception to this rule is tests and quizzes (see below). If work is not made up in the required amount of time, it will be considered late or counted as a zero (depending on how late it is). ***Reminder: It is a students' responsibility to find out what they missed!!***

### Tests and Quizzes

Quizzes will be of three types - announced quizzes, pop quizzes and journal/binder quizzes. Most quizzes will be announced ahead of time and a list of topics will be provided. Occasionally, there may be a "pop" quiz, although I usually give hints that they are coming. In addition, there may occasionally be journal or binder quizzes, which will be unannounced, but you will be able to use your science journals or your science binders (whichever I specify). Journal or binder quizzes tend to test whether students are prepared for class and can find specific information in a timely manner. Quizzes will be given on an average of one every two weeks.

Tests will generally be given at the end of each unit, and will consist of a variety of question types (e.g. multiple choice, fill-in the blank, matching and short answer).

***Student who are absent the day of a test or quiz have one week to make up the work, after that it will be counted as a zero.***

### Grades

Grades will be based on homework, class work, laboratory work/reports, projects, tests and quizzes. Grades are calculated using a point system (points received/possible points). Homework assignments are usually worth 5 points, labs 10 to 25 points, projects 40 to 50 points, quizzes 10 to 30 points and tests 50 to 75 points. This generally works out to homework being worth approximately 35%, class work, lab work/reports and projects 35%, and tests & quizzes 30% (these percentages will vary from quarter to quarter).