7th Grade Science Syllabus and Classroom Procedures

 Northwest Guilford Middle School

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**Welcome**

Congratulations! You are about to have the best year ever! This handout will let you know about various expectations and requirements to be successful in 7th grade science.

**Materials Needed:**

School device

2 composition notebook (100 sheets/200 pages, NO spiral please)

Coloring supplies

Pens/Pencils

Earbuds/headphones

Glue sticks

**Expectations for class:**

* Come to class each day with a positive attitude
* Login to CANVAS each day to review and/or complete classroom assignments
* Participate in class daily
* Complete all assigned work to the best of your ability
* Be respectful to both your peers and teachers
* Contact your teacher if you have ANY questions
* No Cell Phones

**If You Mess Up**:

Mistakes happen, but repeated offenses will result in “Steps” following our schoolwide discipline plan. Each “step” will result in a parent/guardian contact and will be documented as a minor offense.

**Grading:**

* All assignments, quizzes, and tests will be assessed by points
* Some class assignments will only be checked for completion. Effort is what is important!
* Errors are OK, as long as effort is shown.
* If a lack of effort is shown, then a lack of credit will follow!

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| **Assignments** |
| **Homework:**Homework in this class is designed to help reinforce the concept that was taught that day. It is important for students to practice and also study the material in their notes. Homework should be completed at home, turned in on time, and ALL parts should be attempted to receive full credit. If homework is not turned in on time students will have the opportunity to turn it in late for partial credit. Homework will mostly consist of finishing any work not finished in class and/or vocabulary flashcards. | **Assessments (Tests and Quizzes):**Quizzes are short assessments designed to ensure that ALL students are developing an understanding of the concepts/standards being discussed in class. Unit tests are designed for students to demonstrate mastery of ALL standards from our unit of study. |
| **Classwork:**Activities we do in class CAN be collected for a grade. NOT ALL classwork activities will be collected for a grade. ALL classroom activities are important for showing an understanding of the concept(s) being taught. So, students should try their best on ALL activities! | **Late Work/Missing Work:**7th grade students are responsible for completing their assignments in a timely manner. Assignments are due the day they are assigned. Any assignment that is turned in late will result in a 10% deduction. Any missing assignments after the 10th school day after it was assigned will result in a 0. If a student is absent, they have three school days, after returning to school, to make up the missing work. (Extenuating Circumstances will be considered.) Students are expected to use Canvas to stay up to date with current assignments while they are absent from school so that they do not get overwhelmed or behind in their schoolwork. Work not turned in will be scored as a zero in the gradebook until the assignment is submitted. |

**Course Curriculum:**

* **7.E.1** Understand how the cycling of matter (water and gases) in and out of the atmosphere relates to Earth’s atmosphere, weather and climate and the effects of the atmosphere on humans.
* **PS.7.1** Understand motion, the effects of forces on motion and the graphical representations of motion.
* **PS.7.2** Understand forms of energy, energy transfer and transformation and conservation in mechanical systems.
* **LS.7.1** Understand the processes, structures and functions of living organisms that enable them to survive, reproduce and carry out the basic functions of life.
* **LS.7.2** Understand the relationship of the mechanisms of reproduction, patterns of inheritance and potential variation among offspring.

**Communication:**

* I will be communicating with you all in a variety of ways this school year.
* I will also be sending out “Remind” texts at various times. Many of you are familiar with this service from last year. These texts will be more “quick” reminders like “Don’t forget you have a quiz on Thursday”, or “Picture Day Friday!”
	+ Join Remind101 (for parents and students):​
	+ Core 1 Remind App: text @scimiles1 to the number 81010​
	+ Core 2 Remind App: text @scimiles2 to the number 81010​
	+ Core 3 Remind App: text @scimiles3 to the number 81010​
	+ Core 4 Remind App: text @scimiles4 to the number 81010
* Email is the best way to communicate with me because I can check those messages throughout the day and respond quicker than a voicemail.
* Email: milese2@gcsnc.com
* Phone: 336-603-3333