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| **Welcome to 8th Grade Science!**  **Mrs. Rao’s Science**  **Classroom Newsletter  (Rao rhymes with “Wow”)**  **E-mail:** raoj@gcsnc.com **Phone:** (336) 605-3333 | | |
| **Units of Study** 1.) Earth’s Place in the Universe  (Earth’s History)  2.) Biological Evolution 3.) Earth’s Systems (Hydrosphere) 4.) Earth and Human Activity   (Water Quality) 5.) Ecosystems  6.) From Molecules to Organisms  (Biology) 7.) Matter and its Interactions  8.) Energy  9.) 8th Grade Science Overview  \*\*\*There is an **8th Grade Science EOG Test** at the end of the school year | **Science Remind Code**  Open a text message to **81010** and text the code **@rao24-25**  **Donations**  Please consider donating candy… 1.) Jolly Ranchers  2.) Dum-Dum Lollipops 3.) Smarties 4.) Tootsie Roll Pops For daily review prizes  [Mrs. Rao's Science Amazon Wishlist](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fhz%2Fwishlist%2Fls%2F3HK7GE0MEBDVL%3Fref_%3Dwl_share&data=05%7C01%7Craoj%40gcsnc.com%7C5ae25f43441340f714e108da931d0b2b%7C9ae2fb1fdea24c4381947624fcbbb30c%7C0%7C0%7C637984050551896494%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zAWNxVecan94ZKHu5ABXYCb5UBhNFxhGzu0wQ7cs8oU%3D&reserved=0) | **Supplies** 1.) 2 Sturdy Comp. Notebooks  (One for each semester)  2.) Box of tissues 3.) Pencils  Optional (but recommended)  Pencil Pouch, with the following … 4.) Colored Pencils  5.) Hand -held Sharpener 6.) Scissors 7.) Scotch Tape OR Glue Stick  Students are expected to fully charge their device at home **every** night. Please try to keep backpacks light. |
| **Rao’s Rules** 1.) Respect the room 2.) Remain seated 3.) Be quiet 4.) Complete assignments 5.) Move with a purpose  (to sharpen a pencil, get a tissue etc.)  6.) Stay in your lane  **Consequences** (minor infractions) 1.) Warning 2.) Parent Contact 3.) Silent Lunch All minor infractions are documented online through Educator’s Handbook. All the teachers on your child’s schedule can view this for all their classes.  **Phone/Headphones/Air Pods**  **During class:**   Stored in backpack at all times, not to be looked at/used during class  **During Restroom Break:**  Stored in class caddie until you return (Then it goes back in your backpack)  **During Test/Quiz:**   Stored in class caddie during entire class \*Failure to comply will result in the phone being turned into the office | **Grading Category Weights** Tests 35% Quizzes 25% Classwork/Homework 20% Vocabulary Foldables 20%  Total 100%  **Tests and Quizzes:** We will usually have a test or a quiz once a week (usually on Fridays).  Not turning in your own work or copying/cheating will result in the score of a “0” on the assignment for both the person copying and the student allowing the other student to copy.  No extra credit is planned currently.  **Late work** Students that turn in their assignments late, will have a 10-point deduction per day the assignment is late.  All assignments will close/lock 10 days after the due date. No late credit will be given after the 10th day. | **Canvas**  All assignments and weekly lesson plans are posted on Canvas. Please check daily to see assignments, directions, links, and information about each day’s lesson.  \*If you are absent this is where you see what was missed. Look for this symbol 👉**DUE**: to see your assignments  Please click on the “Grades” button to see a list of completed and missing assignments.   **PowerSchool** This is where you will see an accurate Grade for your student.  While most assignments are graded through Canvas, all assignments end up in PowerSchool.  **Make up work** Students that are absent have 3 days to submit assignments before the assignments are considered “late”. Most assignments can be accessed through Canvas and completed asynchronously (even when they are absent). Look for this icon from the weekly agenda in Canvas, 👉**DUE**: |