Science 8-Ms. Theresa DiMaria

Course Syllabus and Contract

2015-2016

* This contract must be placed in the front of your portfolio!

Class Rules:

1. Respect others and their belongings at all times.
2. Arrive on time to class with your portfolio (binder), text book, pen, pencil and calculator.
3. Arrive ready to learn.
4. Actively participate in class.

Text book: *Science: Level Blue* Glencoe McGraw Hill, 2005

Materials (to be brought to class daily): Text book, portfolio (binder), pen, pencil, dry erase maker and calculator

Grading:

* Grades will be calculated on a point system
* Chapter tests will be worth 100 points.
* Labs will generally be 20 points
* Quizzes will generally by 10-20 points
* Homework is worth two points unless formally graded.
* Projects will be worth 100-200 points.
* You will earn two participation points provided you actively participate in class and follow all directions.
* Quarterly portfolio (binder) check is worth 150 points.
* Extra credit will be available on an occasional basis.
	+ For the first week of school students who bring in a box of tissues or roll of paper towels will receive two points extra credit up to a total of 6 points.
* At the end of the second semester, students will take a “final” consisting of most of the second semester material. It will be worth 200 points for the fourth quarter.

Contact me! Phone 618-537-4423 x 221 or email TDiMaria@lcusd9.org .

If possible sign up for text class information on Remind101

Participation:

* Students will lose two points for each instance of
	+ Being unprepared for class
	+ Arriving late to class without a pass
	+ Not taking notes
	+ Not constructively participating in any class activity.
	+ Use of more than two rest room passes per quarter.

Rest Room Passes

* Each student receives two passes per quarter
* Pass must be used before class begins
* Tardies will be issued if a student exceeds two passes.

Make-Up Policy:

* Students with excused absences will have the same number of days they were absent to make up their work for full credit. Projects however are due on due date, send projects in if student cannot come to class.
* Homework cannot be made up except in cases of excused absences.
* Labs must be made up before or after school on day specified by Ms. DiMaria
* Late classwork, lab reports, projects, etc will be penalized 10% per day and will receive 0% after three days.
* Students must see Ms. DiMaria on their own time or get information off website to get missing assignments. Assignments will not be given out during class time.

Laboratory:

* We will do a large number of labs and activities during class.
* Safety is extremely important thus students behaving in an unsafe manner will leave the lab and receive a 0% as well as a disciplinary referral.
* Some labs will require closed toed shoes, long pants, and safety goggles in order to comply with Illinois state law. Students are responsible for wearing the appropriate safety items.

Portfolio:

* You must provide a binder (minimum 1 inch) to act as your notebook and portfolio.
* Your portfolio must be divided into the following sections
	+ Notes
	+ Homework
	+ Classwork and Worksheets
	+ Lab Reports
	+ Tests and Quizzes
* Your portfolio must contain all the above for the entire QUARTER.
* Every item in your portfolio must be dated.
* All materials in each section MUST be in chronological order
* Your portfolio will be checked for completeness once per quarter for 150 points.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Text Book Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tell me something interesting about yourself:

I have read the Science 8 syllabus and contract and agree to abide by its contents

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Student Signature Parent Signature Date