

September 9, 2009

Dear Parents:

I welcome your child to grade 7 science! I'm excited about the opportunity to get to know him/her and you as well, and I'm looking forward to a fun and productive school year.

This year we will focus on the following curriculum areas:

- Environmental and Earth Science
- Chemistry and Physical Science
- Motion, Forces and Energy
- Technology (design and engineering)

You can find more detailed information of the grade seven science curriculums at my website, www.mrsbscience.com; just follow the parent link to science standards to see finer detail of what we will be studying this year.

Please have your child bring these supplies to school no later than September 14th:

- 3 subject, spiral notebook
- 1", three ring, hard-cover binder for storing lab sheets and handouts
- Plenty of writing utensils
- Highlighters

These items are not needed immediately and may be stored at home:

- 2 large pieces of poster board paper, **white**, for class presentations
- Tri-fold science board may be used for presentations, but is **strictly optional**

My homework policy is:

- Homework assignments should be copied at the start of each class from the homework board. Information is posted daily even when there is no homework.
- Homework is also posted at www.mrsbscience.com as well as on the schools homework hotline.
- Students should place completed homework on their desk at the start of class in order for me to check or collect.
- If homework is not completed, students will receive a stamp in their agenda book stating this fact.
- Late homework due to negligence will result in a loss of 10 points per day late. The upside is late work is better than no work as students can still earn some points.
- It is your child's responsibility to secure missing notes and assignments when absent.
- Missed assignments as a result of absenteeism will be due the day after the student's return unless pre-arranged with the teacher.

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- All work must have a proper heading for full credit:
 - a. *First and last name.*
 - b. *Date of assignment.*
 - c. *Science: chapter, section, page numbers & question #'s.*

My grading policy is:

1. Homework	20%
2. Lab/ activities	20%
3. Quizzes	20%
4. Tests	40%

Please be aware of our:

- Open House **September 16th** **at 6:00 PM**

Please mark this date on your calendar as I would love to meet as many of you as I can. I hope you will make it a priority this year to attend as many school-sponsored events as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by e-mail or phone. I also welcome appointments to meet in person. You can contact me at www.mrsbscience.com or 617-984-8723.

Let's work together to make this the best year ever!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Baird
Grade 7 Science