

Student Information

Welcome! I’m looking forward to a good year with you as we investigate science. Below are some things you will need to know about our class.

Needs: binder (with 4 dividers), quad rule paper, notebook (for class notes), ruler (with cm & inches), calculator, pen/pencil, safety glasses.

Textbook: Science; Level Blue, Glencoe/McGraw Hill. 2007

Binder and Notebook: The binder should be identified as the “Science” binder, your name should be visible on the binder and this page will be the cover sheet. Use the dividers to divide it into four sections: 1) Homework, 2) Tests/Quizzes, 3) Labs Investigations, and finally 4) Discovery Projects. The binder is 10% of the semester exam grade and will be checked periodically for organization.

The notebook will be used exclusively for class notes. You will use this to review material taught during class and you can add to it as you review your notes.

Homework/Assignments: Homework is due at the beginning of the next class period. If you have an excused absence from school, you will have as many days as you were absent to make up the work. (NOTE: School days are NOT the same as class days!) Work assigned prior to your absence is due the day you return to school. If you are absent, it is your job to check with the teacher about work missed.

Homework will be posted on my web site. Please check there if you have missed any days or if you forget what you should do. On the ISO web site, click on Students, then click on Mr. Hilty, then scroll down to the appropriate subject to see the assignments.

Assessment:

Your grades will be based on the following:

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| Class Participation | Homework Assignments | Journaling |
| Quizzes | Tests | Lab Investigations |
| Discovery Projects | | |

Grading: At the end of each grading period the points will be totaled and the percentages calculated. Grades will be assigned as follows:

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| 98-100% | A+ | | |
| 93-97% | A | Tests & Quizzes | 50% |
| 90-92 | A– | Homework & Class Participation | 20% |
| 87-89 | B+ | Investigations & Projects | 30% |
| 83-86% | B | | |
| 80-82% | B– | | |
| 77-79% | C+ | | |
| 73-76% | C | | |
| 70-72% | C– | | |
| 67-69% | D+ | | |
| 63-66% | D | | |
| 60-62% | D– | | |
| Below 60% | F | | |

You can check your grades online at Mr. Hilty's web site. You will be given a password for this option.

Classroom Policies:

I have the following expectations

1. Be dismissed by the teacher not the bell or clock.
2. Have textbooks covered at all times.
3. Provide and maintain a neat and orderly binder.
4. Be attentive in class when others speak.
5. Be considerate and respectful of others' rights and property.
6. Be prepared for class each day; bring pencil, paper, binder, and assignment to class.
7. Be honest and trustworthy.
8. Be involved in class work.
9. Make a reasonable attempt at all assigned work to your best ability.
10. Follow all safety rules at all times.
11. Complete work on time. (If additional time is needed, ask for it before the due date.)
12. Note that all assignments will be written on the chalkboard and are considered assigned as soon as they are posted, whether or not the teacher gives an oral reminder.
13. Note that all assignments are due at the beginning of the period and are considered late there after.
14. When absent from class, but still in school or on a school activity (example: office, fieldtrip), be responsible for handing in assignments that are due on that day and getting any new assignments.
15. Sign attendance book when dismissed from class and arriving from class tardy or late.
16. Stay out of drawers, cabinets, stockroom and the teacher's desk unless given permission.
17. Leave the classroom/laboratory neat and orderly.
18. Give respect to all organisms in the classroom.
19. Do not bring food or beverages into the classroom.
20. Obey all school and class rules (See ISO's Code of Conduct).
21. Behave consistently with class rules in the presence of a substitute.

This is your first homework assignment. Please have your parents read and sign this paper. Both signatures are worth **10 points**.

I have read and understood the Student Information.

Student signature Date

Parent signature Date

Let's have a wonderful year together!