

Welcome to science!

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Welcome to Science class! This class is an opportunity for you to work together with friends, parents, and community members while learning about science. I hope the many class activities and hands-on projects help you have fun learning, and show you how science can be valuable in your life. An important reason for meeting together in class is to share information and experiences; your participation and cooperation are vital to making this class a positive experience for all of us.

The purpose of this syllabus is to help you be more successful in Science by explaining daily activities, classroom rules, grading policies, expectations for your participation, and other information about the class.

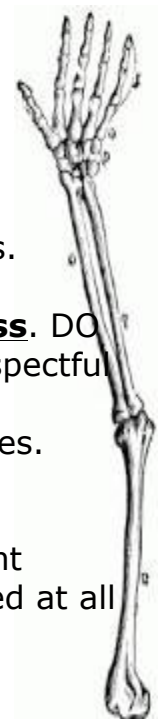
Materials required: 7th is for 7th grade students to bring in and 8th is for 8th grade.

SUPPLIES YOU NEED FOR SCIENCE CLASS	SUPPLIES TO BRING TO THE TEACHER
1" Binder	1 box tissues
1 pack of dividers	1 Large elmer's glue stick
Lined Paper	Crayola markers (7 th) /Crayola colored pencils(8 th)
Pen & pencil	1 pack blank copy paper (7 th) 1 pack lined-paper (8 th)



Classroom procedures and expectations (no exceptions)

- **Arrive on time by being in your assigned seat before the bell.**
- Come to class with a positive attitude ready to participate in class activities.
- **Be prepared by bringing materials & completed assignments to class.** DO not enter my classroom without your supplies. Your behavior should be respectful for everyone to learn & the teacher to teach.
- Classroom rules (posted in the classroom) and school rules apply at all times.
- Personal errands are not allowed during class time.
- You must know & be able to demonstrate safe use of materials & equipment before using them in this classroom. Safe & appropriate behavior is required at all times.



Assignments

Assignments are posted daily on the agenda in my classroom & on parent portal. Each night I send out a text message reminder of what the HW is. It can also be sent to an email address. Monday's I will give you a mini progress report to show you what you have earned on all your assignments, your current average, & any missing work you may have. If you are present in school, assignments must be turned in on time to receive full credit. If you have a lesson, you must come to class first, show your homework & get your next assignment to get full credit. **All late assignments are worth 1/2 credit, no exceptions. Any assignment later than 2 weeks will not be accepted & will be a zero . ALL ASSIGNMENTS/GRADES ARE POSTED ON PARENT PORTAL**



MINDS UNDER
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Grading

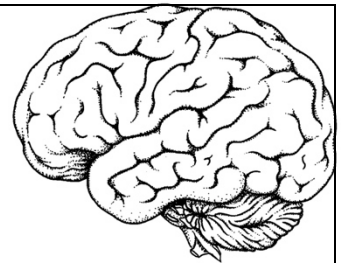
1. Homework is assigned Mon-Thur. Each complete assignment is worth 5 pts, late HW=2.5pts, incomplete work=0. On occasion HW is worth more than 5 pts.
2. Usually each week there is an open notes quiz
3. Unit tests will be administered at the end of each unit
4. Lab/class participation will be issued during activities etc.

Tests/Quizzes – 60% of grade

Performance (labs/activities/binder check) – 10% of grade

Homework – 15% of grade

Classwork (cornell notes/vocab) – 15% of grade



How parents/guardians can help

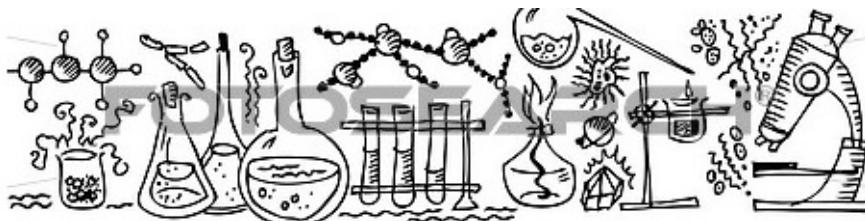
Classroom learning is a partnership. My responsibility as teacher is to provide interesting and challenging activities in a comfortable, well-organized classroom. Each student is responsible for coming to class with a good attitude prepared to learn science to the best of his/her ability. Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their learning have a higher success rate in school. Here are some ways that parents can help:

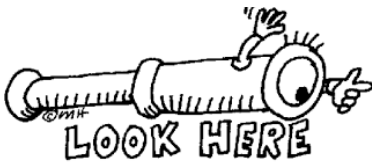
1. Organize a study place at home & a regular study time (Study should be a daily habit. A student can still review important concepts even if he/she has "no homework.")
2. Plan short blocks of study so there is time for chores and relaxation as well as HW.
3. Have your student bring home an up-to-date progress report each Monday and go over it together and check parent portal EVERY DAY!
4. Praise your student for completing assigned homework; all of us like to be appreciated for work well done.

Please feel free to email me at skochan@buffaloschools.org if you have questions

Mrs. Kochan

Science rocks!





HAND THIS IN!

Student name (please print) _____ Period _____

Parent/guardian name(s) (please print) _____

Parent/guardian signature _____

1. Your name (print):
2. How you are related to the student:
3. Numbers to reach you at: Cell _____ Home: _____
Work: _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS of parent(s)/guardian:if you need a printed copy indicate here

***This is MOST important because I send out weekly updates to parents!**

REMIND.COM: I will be sending out homework text message reminders to students and or parents. Parents & students also have the ability to text me back during “business hours”!

1. It will not show our real phone numbers & you can text me back and ask questions.
2. **IT IS FREE!** When you sign up it will send out a disclaimer saying that this may cost you carrier fees etc., but it only costs you your NORMAL text messaging rates! I PROMISE!

IF YOU WANT TO SIGN UP:

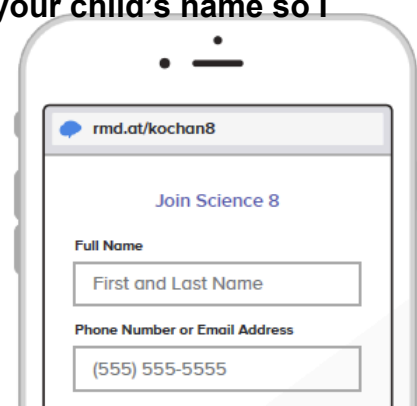
- parents when asked to put your name please enter your name & your child’s name so I know who you belong to!
- For **SCIENCE 7** do exactly what you see on the right but wherever you see an 8 use a 7 instead!
- For students just put your FULL first and last name.

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/kochan8

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You’ll be prompted to download the mobile app.



If you are still having difficulties with it: Please list your name and cell phone # here and I will send you an invitation to the sign up! You’ll just have to Click on the link!

Name: _____

B If you **don’t** have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Cell #: _____

Text the message @kochan8 to the number 81010.

If you’re having trouble with 81010, try texting @kochan8 to (716) 650-5912.

