**Mrs. Dzubak**

**7th Grade Science**

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Welcome to 7th Grade Science! This year we will be studying **Life** **Science**. You can access the specific standards and benchmarks at the website for the Next Generation Science Standards -<http://www.nextgenscience.org>.

**GRADING PROCEDURES**

Student grades in this science class are based on **assessments ONLY**. Assessments are anything from tradition tests and quizzes to demonstrations, media presentations or projects. These assessments will be given when students should have mastered a certain portion of the curriculum.

In preparation for assessments, students will do a variety of **exploration assignments**. Exploration assignments are meant as *practice*, which is why they are not included in the calculation of a marking period grade. Regardless of the type, students are expected to complete **every** assignment *with maximum effort and quality of work*. All assignments and activities have a purpose and importance in understanding the science content.

Students that require additional explanation or support with any assignment/assessment should see me for examples or models of projects, papers and tests.

**Grades**

Parents and students can view their current grades for all classes using Power School. Computer access is available to students as needed.

* *Exploration Assignments:* These are considered **Practice Assignments** and will be a checkmark in the gradebook. These are **NOT counted toward the science grade.**

“0” (Zero)= assignment was not turned in, missing or it is incomplete. It needs to be completed for

credit.

✓= satisfactorily completed assignment

* *Assessments*: These are tests, quizzes, projects, and written explanations, for instance. They will have a traditional letter grade and percentage that follows the Lakeview Public Schools adopted grading scale. Sometimes students need a second change on a particular assessment. Students will be eligible to retake tests if certain requirements are met.

**LATE WORK**

It is a student’s responsibility to find out what was missed during an absence. There is a folder for each class that will contain your students’ missed work. Students should find their missed work in this folder. Make-up work will be accepted according to the timeframe outlined in the JMS handbook.

Assignments not turned in on their due date will result in a student receiving a ZAP slip. Once a student receives a ZAP slip, he/she must follow the procedures of the ZAP program.

**EXTRA HELP**

I will be available for extra help and support most days after school until 3:30. I will announce to students when LUNCH HELP will be available. I ask that students let me know a day in advance (when possible) if they plan on attending before or after school sessions.

**MATERIALS**

1. **Science Notebook (Composition Notebook)**: Students will be required to maintain a Science Notebook. The Science Notebook is an ongoing project. The Notebook will contain important notes, handouts and observations. They will need 4 notebooks for the year.
2. **Folder**: Students will keep papers that do not go in the Notebook in this folder.
3. **Textbook**: The books we use in science are not traditional textbooks. Each unit is contained within its own book. Therefore students will be issued several books (one at a time) as the year progresses.
4. **Pencils**: Students are required to come to class with a pencil. Students will **ONLY** write in pencil in science class.

**BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

We will be using the **STARR Positive Behavior System** throughout the school and in the classroom.

**S**afety **T**olerance **A**chievement **R**espect **R**esponsibility

Students are expected to follow guidelines explained on the **Lab Safety Contract**.

**CONSEQUENCES** for not showing expected behaviors in science class:

1. Verbal Warning(s)
2. Silent Lunch Detention
3. Parent Contact
4. Referral to Administrator/Counselor or Social Worker

**COMMUNICATION**

1. Email/Phone- Please feel free to email me, **sdzubak@scslakeview-k12.com**, or call me at school **445-4130 ex. 2642**. Email is the most efficient form of communication if possible.
2. Website- You can access weekly agendas, daily assignments and other science class information on the web by visiting the following site: **dzubakscience.weebly.com** – You can access it easily through the JMS website under the “Staff” tab. Click on Staff Directory.
3. Power School- This is an internet tool parents can use to view their students’ grades in ALL classes. If you are unfamiliar with this program or need your username/password, please contact the JMS office for details.

I hope that this information will be helpful. If you have questions, concerns or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help you and I am available to assist you throughout the year.

I look forward to a wonderful year working with all of you!

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*“It’s a parents enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspire children to do their best; and a teacher’s ability to teach what they need to learn. Together we can achieve wonderful things.”*