

Mrs. Cavallin's Eighth Grade Science Class Information

Class Supplies

3-Section Spiral Notebook (Minimum 100 Pages)

1 Box of Tissues (Needed by Thursday 8/14)

Boys-1 Box of Quart Ziplock Bags

Girls- 1 Box of Gallon Ziplock Bags

Other recommended supplies/class donations

Glue Sticks

Colored Pencils

Markers

Bottles of Glue

****If you want your own set of supplies you may bring them.
They will not be kept in the classroom.*

Class Commitments

1. Be **ON TIME!**
2. Be **PREPARED** to learn (have supplies, homework, and a positive attitude)
3. Be **RESPONSIBLE**. Clean up messes and no horseplay in lab. No electronic devices except school issued laptop.
4. Be **RESPECTFUL**. Be kind to classmates and teachers.
5. Be **BRAVE**. Be brave enough to try-mistakes are part of how we learn. We are a **NO OPT OUT** class. Everyone tries and everyone participates.

Grading Procedures

Summative (Exams) and Projects: 50%

- Includes tests, projects, labs, science fair

Formative (Daily): 50%

- Includes homework, class work, quizzes, mini labs, checkpoints

NOTE: Grades can be viewed in Skyward Q and digital assignment completion can be viewed in Schoology. Not all assignments are digital.

AAC Students

ALL AAC students will be required to complete a Science Fair Project during the 4th grading period. This will count as a major grade. EVERY AAC student must participate.

Behavior Expectations

- ♦ **RESPECTFUL**- Students are expected to treat each other and teachers with kindness and respect. Treat all supplies and equipment with respect.
- ♦ **RESPONSIBLE**- Students must abide by proper lab safety rules, language, and use of classroom.
- ♦ Keep the lab clean and ready for others to use.
- ♦ **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**
 - Phones, Smartwatches, headphones, earbuds, etc. must be powered off and put away in backpack at all times. Phone may not be in your pockets.
 - School issued laptops are kept in backpacks unless instruction has been given from teacher to use them for the lesson.

8th Grade Topics:

Grading Period 1:

- Unit 1: Matter
- Unit 2: Force and Motion

Grading Period 2:

- Unit 2: Force and Motion
- Unit 3: Waves
- Unit 4: The Universe

Grading Period 3:

- Unit 5: Climate and Weather
- Unit 6: Impact of Global Climate

Grading Period 4:

- Unit 7: Organisms
- Unit 8: Interactions within an Ecosystem

Grading in Mrs. Cavallin's Class

If a grade is posted in gradebook that is the most current grade for the assignment.

If the assignment shows "M" or "0" the assignment has been graded and is missing.

If the assignment is blank it has not been graded.

Grades are synced from Schoology almost every day. If an assignment is turned in you can see that it has been turned in even without a grade if in Schoology. Always check Skyward Q and Schoology.

Missing/late work is graded as I am able to get it graded. All missing and late work will be entered prior to the end of the grading period.

Make-Up Work

On the day you return to class, check Schoology folders and with Mrs. Cavallin for missing work. You are responsible for picking up and turning in your make up work for credit and attending tutoring if necessary. Mrs. Cavallin will not see you out for this information, if you miss class it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and get it made up.

A due date will be assigned for daily assignments that are missed due to absences.

Tests and Labs that are missed due to absences must be made up *within* one week in a tutoring session, advisory, or by appointment.

****If you are absent the day a project or assignment is due, it must be turned in the day you return. I highly encourage you to send an email with pictures showing its completed if you are absent the day a project is due.**

About Mrs. Cavallin

I am excited to start my second year at Bowie Middle School and FBISD. I have previously taught Math, Science, and Special Education at the middle and high school levels.

I am a graduate of Sam Houston State University, Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi and am currently working toward my Ph.D. through Texas A&M University.

I am married with 4 grown children. My husband is also a teacher/coach in FBISD. My oldest daughter is a Project Engineer who works in Texas/Louisiana. My oldest son attends Kansas State majoring in Nuclear Engineering. My youngest daughter recently graduated from Sul Ross State and is currently continuing her education at Angelo State University and my youngest son attends Tarleton State majoring in Agri Business. In my free time I enjoy traveling, cooking and baking, hiking, RVing, visiting COFFEE shops spending time outdoors with friends and family, and traveling.

Textbook

Our Science Textbook can be found online in 1LINK. Students have 24 hour access to the book. We will do some work within the online textbook. We have a class set of books that are kept in class.

Amazon Classroom Wish List

<https://rb.gy/ucsyms>

