



Ms. Merten's 6th Grade Science

Firefly Team - Room 709

Welcome parents and students to 6th grade science!

Tutorials

Tutorials will be Tuesday after school until 4:45 and Friday mornings at 8:20am.

Contacting Me

Please either email or call me with any questions or concerns. I typically return phone calls after 4 pm. Students may contact me and check for homework using Edmodo.

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Supplies

- 2 composition notebooks (see below)
- Folder or pockets in the journal
- Pencils
- Roll of clear tape
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Scissors

Class spiral (Interactive Notebook)

Each student will use a journal in Science to record labs, notes, and other activities during the year. We suggest students consider color coding their supplies. The following are general guidelines for using the lab spiral:

1. Notebooks must be brought to class **every day**.
2. Students will keep an up to date Table of Contents at the front of the spiral.
3. Items should not be kept loose in the spiral but should be neatly taped or stapled in it.
4. A notebook "test" is usually given every quarter. This will count as a **daily grade** and will serve as an ongoing review. An updated Table of Contents will be available online.

Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to be on time. Students will write their assignment in their planners and complete the daily warm-up as soon as they find their seat. Both students and parents should know that I typically do not allow students to use the restroom during my class, since it takes away from an already short class time, especially when we are doing labs. Please take care of "business" in the 5 minutes before entering my room. Each student will be expected to conduct himself/herself in an appropriate manner at all times in Science. Any student who misbehaves will be subject to corrective measures of the Garcia Middle School Discipline Policy.

Absences

It is the student's responsibility to find out missing work! Missed work can be determined online or in the pockets at the front of the room. I strongly recommend that if a student is absent that he or she plan on attending the next scheduled tutorial time to make-up tests or activities (some things cannot be made up at home).

Safety Contract

My classroom is a working laboratory. For this reason, each student will receive a safety orientation prior to the first lab activity. All FBISD students will be expected to score a 100% on a safety quiz prior to using any lab equipment and have a signed Safety Contract on file with the school prior to using any lab equipment. *Students who violate the safety contract will be removed from the lab but are still responsible for the work!*

Grades

The district divides all work into only two categories: daily grades (50%) and major grades (50%). Only tests, projects, and extended labs are major grades. Everything else, such as quizzes, class work, warm-ups, and homework are daily grades.

Online Textbooks

Website: www-k6.thinkcentral.com

Username: FBISD + Lunch #

Password: FBISD + Lunch #

Late Work

Any work turned in late will have points deducted in the following way:

1 Day: -10 points

4 Days: -40 points

2 Days: -20 points

5 Days: -50 points

3 Days: -30 points

6+ Days - No Credit

