

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Syllabus- First Colony Middle School

*Please be aware that this syllabus was created prior to Covid 19. Thank you for your patience as face-to-face components are revised for the online learning environment.*

This year we will cover a broad range of topics to get you excited about science, including:

1st Term	Scientific Processes and Measurement, Organisms and Environments
2nd Term	Chemistry, Energy and Its Uses
3rd Term	Force and Motion, Geology
4th Term	Geology, Space

### What materials do I NEED for class?

- Following items **must** be brought by the student daily:
  - Composition notebook (one per semester- *total of 2*)
  - Pencils/erasers
  - Colored pencils
  - [Simple 4-function calculator](#)-no phones may be used in class (Dollar Store or Walmart have some for \$1)
  - Glue sticks and tape
  - Folder/accordion space in binder for science textbook pages/handouts
  - Textbook- will be kept in the classroom unless student needs to take it home. Students may tear out pages or use the online book at home as well. If a student loses a textbook, they will need to purchase a new one by contacting Mr. Burnett Williams at 281-634-3243.

### Grades

There will be at 3 major grades and 9 daily grades each term. I post all grades in Skyward the day of the assignment and work will be handed back the following day to be glued in the journal (unless there are extenuating circumstances). Journals should be taken home daily for review. The gradebook will show a zero for all incomplete/late/missing work until the late work is turned in. Parents, please see all graded assignments in the student journal prior to emailing me. Daily grades may not be reassessed and I do not offer extra credit. Over the course of the year there will be 36 daily grades which is ample opportunity to bring grades up.

### Make Up and Late Work

**It is the student's responsibility to make up work after an absence.**

If you miss class you will have to make up work as soon as possible, typically within the number of days you were absent. Pick up paperwork from the ABSENT bin in class and complete all missed journal entries with a buddy. Failure to complete missing journal entries will negatively impact journal check grades. If you need extra help, please come to tutorial to see the teacher's journal. Don't forget to check Schoology for resources which may include lecture notes.

If a student is absent during a quiz/test that they had prior knowledge of, they will make it up in class the day they return. Parents, please encourage your child to talk to me about absences rather than emailing me directly. We want to encourage student responsibility and they will likely get the answer before I have the chance to return your email.

Assignments are due at the beginning of the period on the due date or it is considered late. Each day an assignment is late, 10 points will be deducted. Late work may only be turned in by the student during the warm up, which occurs in the first five minutes of class. The gradebook will show a zero until the completed work has been turned in.

### Tutorials- TBD

I'm always here to help. Send me a message in Schoology!

### Reassessment

*The Science Department follows a progressive testing model. Here's how it works:*

There will be up to 3 tests each grading term. We are required to have 3 major grades. Occasionally we have a non-test major grade.

- The first test will be new material (may include overlapping concepts if unit spans multiple grading terms)
  - The second test will be 25% material from the first test and 75% new material (since the first test).
  - If the score on the second test is greater than the first test, the first test score will be replaced with the score from the second test.
  - The third test will be 25% material from the first test, 25% material from the second test and 50% new material (since the second test).
  - If the score on the third test is greater than the second test, the second test score will be replaced with the score from the third test.
- **There will not be “retakes” after any tests.**

### Communication

Science newsletters will be posted to Schoology in the Parent's Communication folder each Friday. Assignments, homework, and class reminders will be posted on the Schoology calendar. Please opt in for alerts in your Skyward settings to be notified of any missing/incomplete assignments or zeroes. Schoology will be updated often with resources and assignments.

### Classroom Expectations

#### **Be on Time.**

- Each student is expected to be in his/her assigned seat working on the warm up when the tardy bell rings.

#### **Be Prepared.**

- Each student is expected to come to class with all supplies, completed homework, which includes incomplete journal work.

#### **Be Responsible.**

- Each student is expected to prepare for class by reviewing their journal nightly and completing any homework.

#### **Be Respectful.**

- Each student is expected to respect each other, the faculty, and school property.

#### **Be Positive.**

- Each student is expected to come to class with a positive attitude and open mind.

#### **Be Safe.**

- Each student is expected to follow all lab safety rules at all times.

### The Bobcat Way

Students will complete their own work and academic dishonesty is not acceptable. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, copying the work of another, plagiarism, or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing an assignment. All students involved will earn a zero on the assignment and/or discipline referral.

### Contact

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