

Science Syllabus - Mr.Evans 2020-2021

Welcome to 7th Grade Science! We will have a great time together this year, no matter the format!!

Content

The year we will be covering 9 units:

- Introduction to Science (approximately 5 weeks total)
- Chemistry (~ 9 weeks)
- Plate tectonics / Earth Processes (~9 weeks)
- Ecosystems (~10 weeks)
- Family Life (~ 3 weeks)

How this will look depends on whether we are doing **Distance Learning, Hybrid Learning, or Normal Learning**. This syllabus is for Distance Learning. Also we may change up the order of what we teach throughout the year.

Synchronous Learning

This is the time that students are live in class with me! A typical class will look like this:

- The student logs into the class video conference and get instructions (this is when I will take attendance) ~10 min
- Students then have a video to watch which will give information about the day's topic and assignment (students log out of the video conference during this time)
- Students log back into the video conference, and work on the day's assignment for the rest of the class period. Typically this will be an interactive project.

Asynchronous Learning

This is the time that is most like "homework", except that it happens during the school day. For science students typically receive two or three assignments where they have a reading to do or video to watch. The reading or video will have a quiz that goes with it.

If it is a reading assignment quiz, students may retake the quiz as many times as they would like in order to get a better score. This can be done up until the due date. After the due date, they can no longer retake it any longer.

If it is a video quiz, students are not able to retake the quiz. They must take their time and answer the questions carefully (the video stops to give the questions).

Most of your reading comes from the **TCI Bring Science Alive!** textbook. Sometimes (especially at the start of the year) I give a link to an online article.

Each reading or video should take about 10 - 20 minutes total to complete (with the quiz).

Students should also use asynchronous time to finish anything that they didn't finish in synchronous learning time.

PowerSchool

Grades can be accessed online at <http://powerschool.fcusd.org>. Please take advantage of this option to keep track of progress.

Tests

During a typical school year, there is a test at the end of each unit. We may or may not do the same during distance learning.

Late work

Late work will be accepted for two weeks after it is posted on PowerSchool. However, students **must email me** to let me know they have turned in something late.

Questions?

If you ever have any questions or concerns please contact me. The best way to reach me is via e-mail at ccevans@fcusd.org.

One way or another, this will be a great year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Evans