



7th Grade Science
Sutter Middle School
Learning for All: Whatever It Takes!
Ms. Catlett – Room C7
2022 - 2023

Curriculum

Please review the information and expectations listed below. This will ensure that you have a successful year in Science. Students will explore several areas of science that adheres to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) as adopted by the state of California and consists of the study of the nature of science, physical science, life science, and earth/space science. Students will be expected to use and improve their problem solving and critical thinking skills through a blend of hands-on investigations, literacy-rich activities and interactive digital tools.



Materials

Required

- Chromebook (provided by SMS) - Students will need to come prepared with their device charged everyday

Requested

- Pencils and Pens
- One college ruled notebook (exclusive to science)
- Glue Stick
- Colored Pencils or Crayons
- Ruler
- Headphones (optional but encouraged)

*In order to minimize our paper footprint most of our lab write ups and day to day activities will be completed and submitted in a digital format. This is why it is extremely important that students come to class with a charged working Chromebook every day or their participation in class may be affected.

Teacher Information

Email: acatlett@fcusd.org (best form of contact)

- ❖ Please include students first and last name and period number in the body of the email.

School Phone #: 916-294-9035

SMS Room C-7

Prep: 7th period

- Mon-Thur 2:38 -3:30
- Fri 1:23 - 2:05

- ❖ Intervention available by appointment

Google Classroom

Google Classroom will be the Learning Management System used for teachers to communicate assignments with students and parents. This website will contain assignments, assessments, and discussion boards.

Classroom Musts!

As a student, you have a responsibility to learn and to allow others to do so as well. To make this possible, certain behaviors are expected of you in the classroom.

- Be Safe!
- Be Respectful!
- Be Responsible!

Student Expectations

- Expected to come prepared to class every day ready to learn and participate with all required materials.
- Expected to be on time to class. You will be marked tardy if you are not at your seat when the bell rings.
- Expected to be on task.
- Expected to ask questions.
- Give their best effort on all assignments.
- Act in a safe manner during all lab activities and class projects.

Grading

The grading scale is based on the percentage of points earned:

- A = 90-100%
- B = 80-89%
- C = 70-79%
- D = 60-69%
- F = Less than 60%

Classwork will be worth 70% of the final grade. Tests and quizzes will account for 30%.

Classwork

- For most assignments there will be plenty of class time to complete any assigned work during our instruction time.
- Assignments not completed during the allotted class time will typically be finished as homework unless stated otherwise in class.
- Students are expected to follow the daily agenda and write down any due dates to ensure that they are well prepared for the following day of instruction.

Make Up Policy and Late Work

- **Excused Absence** - absent students will have the same number of days to make up any assigned work that students in class had with no penalty. Eg. Students in class had three days, the absent student will have three days as well.
- **Late work may be turned in ONLY until the end of the current unit.** The late work deadline for each unit will be posted in the unit agenda.
- Students are allowed one test retake/revision to raise their grade up to a 80%.

The Content

We will be spending our days together observing, questioning, and discovering our natural world! We will begin our year by building a collaborative culture, exploring the nature of science and who we are as learners. The year will include learning about ecosystems, structure and properties of matter, chemical reactions, history of Earth, Earth's systems, human impact and reproduction. We will also cover family life.

How To Be Successful In Class

- Come to class prepared and ready to learn everyday.
- Be sure to stay on top of assignments / materials.
- Check Google Classroom regularly to stay on top of assignments.
 - It is the responsibility of the student to check Google Classroom to obtain any missing assignments.
 - Students who need additional help should meet with the teacher before, during or after class. If a student needs assistance before or after class please communicate with me beforehand to make sure that I am available.
- Check grades on PowerSchool frequently and address any problems with me in a timely manner.

Communication

Communication is the key to success! Please feel free to contact me anytime using the contact methods above (both students and parents). I look forward to a successful year! Parents, it is important to me that we work together to help your student succeed and to enhance their interest and enjoyment of science. Thank you for taking the time to read over this information. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Warmly, Ms. Catlett