

COURSE SYLLABUS

6th GRADE SCIENCE

Maple Street Middle School

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Description: This is a 36-week course that develops Physical, Life, and Earth Science concepts and theories through experimentation, cooperative learning, observation, presentations, and discussions. The topics will be covered in the following order:

- 1) Measuring Using the Metric System
- 2) Energetic Connections – Physical Science
- 3) The Planet Rock – Earth Science
- 4) Earth: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – Earth Science
- 5) Design and Modeling - Engineering
- 6) Energy in an Ecosystem – Life Science
- 7) Reproductive Health

Grading Procedure: Six week grades are based on student performance in the following areas.

Laboratory Exercises
Participation/Homework
Quizzes

In Class Assignments
Bell Work
Tests

Grading Scale: Your grade for this class will be determined by the total the amount of points you have earned and the amount of points possible for the marking period. Grades will be posted regularly. For more regular access to your grade, please use eSchool. Grades are updated often, so this is the best way to determine your current class grade.

90-100% - A
80-89% - B
70-79% - C

60-69% - D
below 60% - F

Homework and Participation are part of your grade for the marking period. All HW is due at the **beginning** of the hour. Participation is scored based on instructor observation of students in class. **All students should bring materials needed each day to class. Participation points will be given 2-3 times per week. Students should plan on participating positively during class discussions, teacher directed instruction, cooperative group work and independent work in order to receive all of the possible participation points for that day.**

Absences. If you are absent, you must fill out an "I Was Absent" form and check the "absent" crate for missing handouts (if any). The slips can be found at the back of the room. My absent policy is as follows: If you are absent 1 day, then you have 1 day to make up the work that you missed. If you are absent 2 days, then you have 2 days to make up the work that you missed, and so on.....

Missing Assignments. Grades are updated frequently. Parents can access their child's grades on eSchool. It is the responsibility of the student to check their grades and to note any missing assignments. Missing assignments should be turned in **no later than one week from the original due date.**

Expected Behaviors. Students are expected to follow Kalamazoo Public Schools' Student Code of Conduct at all times. Maple Street uses the Responsible Thinking Process (RTP) model for classroom management. Included in this are the following key school rules:

- Keep everyone emotionally and physically safe at all times
- Support everyone's learning without disrupting

When the above rules are broken the students will first receive a verbal reminder and if the infraction continues they will be sent to a designated location to complete a reflection sheet. This reflection sheet they will be used to develop a plan for successful re-entry into the classroom.

My Availability. The easiest way to contact me is via email. I check my inbox regularly throughout the day. My email is beebejm@kalamazoo.k12.mi.us. I am also available to take phone calls during fifth hour. Please feel free to call or email at a time that is convenient for you. I will return your inquiry as soon as possible.

Please sign and return for a grade by Friday, September 12, 2014

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____