

## **Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science!**

*Mrs. Bitar's Course Syllabus*

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**\*\* Keep this syllabus in your folder at all times.**

### **Objectives:**

1. To encourage students to strive for academic excellence
2. To encourage students to become responsible self-directed young adults who are accountable for their actions
3. To help students develop positive self-esteem
4. To encourage students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills
5. To help students to develop reasonable goal setting skills
6. To encourage parent involvement
7. To develop responsible citizens who can function and contribute to their community and society
8. To help students develop organizational and study skills

It is my intention to make this class a strict, but fun learning environment, involving a wide variety of learning activities. To ensure a successful learning environment certain expectations must be set. These expectations consist of:

### **Highly Recommended Materials:**

- ✓ Composition Notebook
  - ✓ Pocket folder
  - ✓ loose leaf paper
  - ✓ 2 –pack of pencils
  - ✓ Blue and/or black pen
  - ✓ Checking pen (red, green, etc.)
  - ✓ Erasers
  - ✓ Highlighters
  - ✓ Markers/Colored Pencils
  - ✓ Glue Sticks (at least 2)
  - ✓ Pencil box
- The notebook will be used this year as an interactive notebook, which could include a wide range of entries. These can range from cornel notes, a quick write on the day's subject, bell work and/or journal entries. Please make sure to always have it with you in the class, as we will most likely be using it in some way every day.

### **Classroom Rules:**

- Be kind
- Come prepared
- Give respect
- Listen well
- Work hard
- Stay safe
- Have fun
- My classroom rules regarding behavior follow all of the OL Smith School Expectations

Upon entering the classroom, students will immediately sit in their assigned seats and begin on the daily bellwork/Warm-Up in their notebooks.

## Grading Scale:

- The grading policy will be **70% Summative** (Quizzes, Projects, and Unit Assessments) and **30% Formative** (Lab, Bellwork, and Participation).
- Grades will be a reflection of what you have mastered.

## Course Outline:

- Topics that we will cover this year include:
  - Natural Selection
  - History of Life on Earth
  - Sound and Light
  - Solar System and Seasons
  - Weather, Climate and Agriculture
  - Natural Hazards
  - Climate Change

**Make Up Assignments:** It is the student's responsibility to follow up with me if they would like to make up any assignments. It will be discussed on a case-by-case basis and a mutual agreement will be reached.

**Reassessment:** The purpose of allowing students to reassess is to expect evidence of an increased proficiency of content expectations. Students can reassess within two weeks of the initial assessment date. However, in order to reassess, students must tutor with me prior to the scheduled reassessment.

**Google Classroom:** will be set up and shared with students within the first couple weeks of class.

**Extra Credit:** Students will have the opportunity to earn extra credit by donating supplies for the classroom. Some needed things throughout the year are tissue boxes, sanitizing wipes, and/or pencils.

**iBlog:** Please subscribe to get updates on classroom announcements and course pacing and expectations.

[iblog.dearbornschools.org/bitaro/](http://iblog.dearbornschools.org/bitaro/)

**Notes:** This year is going to be great! I am so excited to get to know all of you and learn from each other throughout this year. If there is ever a time that you need help or do not understand the material please feel free to contact me.

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