Dear Parents,

 My name is Ms. Murphy and I am your son/daughter's 8th grade science teacher. I am looking forward to a new school year with your students. My goal for all students is to have a safe, fun, and challenging learning experience in my classroom.

 Science will be very hands-on this year. I have scheduled different activities, projects and labs for the year to help engage the students and promote retention and success. To help each student reach success they need to have the appropriate materials. (A list can be found below).

 The state is transitioning to the NGSS curriculum (Next Generation Science Standards) this year. The unit plans are a work in progress; I will keep you updated through the blog. That being said the supply list is limited at this time and I will do my best to give each student enough time to get the necessary supplies throughout the school year.

 Parent involvement is always welcomed in my class, and I like to keep the parents of my students as informed as possible. I can most easily be reached through email murphyk@dearbornschools.org. You may visit my blog to find out what is going on in class <http://iblog.dearbornschools.org/murphy/> and sign up for my weekly Friday emails. I also am signed up on Remind101 which is a program that allows me to send you or your student assignment reminders.

 Once again I look forward to a great year! Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your time,

Ms. Murphy

**Supply list**

**-Pencils, paper, glue and crayons**

**-Folder to be kept in the classroom**

**-Jumbo book cover**