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1*Welcome Letter*

Dear students,

Welcome to Team 7B Science! There will be many interesting, engaging, and fun investigations, activities, and experiments in science this years. These activities are designed to challenge your current understanding of the topics we will explore, expand your knowledge, confront and eliminate misconceptions, make you more familiar with the nature of science, and prepare you for future science courses.

Listed below are some academic and behavioral expectations I will have of you throughout the year.

**Required Daily Materials**

- iPad
- Two pocket folder
- Pens and pencils
- Any required work (e.g. homework, reading, etc.)

**Academic Expectations**

1. Bring required materials everyday. Keep your digital materials organized and backed up.
2. Complete all assignments on time. Poor homework choices will lead to the Homework Assistance Program before or after school.
3. Make corrections when available. I offer you the opportunity to improve your content reflection grades by making corrections to your work. It is **your responsibility** to decide if you will do corrections. Late work is ineligible for corrections and I do not extend correction deadlines.
4. Any unexcused late work must be submitted within 24 hours. No unexcused late work will be accepted past this deadline.
5. Absent work must be made up in a reasonable amount of time. It is the responsibility of the student to find out what he or she missed. Students can check for missed assignments on the 7B Science Site. Students can schedule times to receive extra help or to make up missed assignments.
6. All students are expected to make positive classroom contributions to class by asking or answering questions, participating in class discussions, and working cooperatively with other students to solve problems.
7. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited and will result in academic and behavior consequences. Any references to other works must be cited. Credit must be given to others' works.

**Technology Expectations**

You are required to have your charged iPad with you in class each day. The use of technology in the classroom is limited to the lesson taught. The use of technology is only permitted when directly informed.

**Behavioral Expectations (Class Rules)**

1. **Be respectful.** Respect all people and materials in our classroom.
2. **Be safe.** Conduct yourself in a manner that will keep you and others free on injury.
3. **Be responsible.** Follow the academic expectations, class rules, and school rules. Be prepared for class. Own up to your mistakes by admitting them and correcting them.

**Behavior Outcomes**

Consequences for violating academic/behavior expectations and class rules may result in students signing the red folder and/or receiving a demerit. The red folder—a Team 7B management system—is used to track student behavior, tardiness, and preparedness. The red folder is often, but not always, used as a warning before a demerit is issued. Demerits are issued at the teacher's discretion and will follow the school's protocol for consequences.

**Product and Process Scores**

Students will receive four grades in this class each quarter:

- Product Score - the average of the student's graded work from the quarter.
- Process Score - three separate grades that indicate the students effort, homework completion, and preparedness.

**Product Grade**

A: 100% - 90%  
 B: 89% - 80%  
 C: 79% - 70%  
 D: 69% - 60%  
 Fail: Below 60%

**Process Score**

3 – Always  
 2 – Sometimes  
 1 – Rarely or never

**What is graded?**

Content Reflections - 40%  
 Skill Demonstrations - 40%  
 Assessments - 20%

*Percents reflect weighted values*

**Grading**

1. Final grades are based on the weighted average of the scores of the student's reflections, guiding question responses, assessments, and other graded work.
2. Students have opportunities to make corrections on content reflections (see #4 of academic expectations). Not all work is correctable.
3. Students and their parents can check their current progress in class by using the online parent portal. **Schoology does not show your current science grade!** Please keep in mind that the overall grade is weighted and may not accurately reflect your final grade until all graded work is entered.

**The Web Site**

<http://www.7bscience.com>

Visit the site for daily updates of homework assignments, links to online materials, copies of all handouts, and more!

I look forward to a great year with all of you!  
 Mr. Ower