Grading in Science

Your grades will be determined by the point system. Points will be earned the following ways.

1. Tests/Assessments

Tests or Assessments will be given at the end of each unit. They will vary in the number of questions but will usually have the same types of questions: multiple choice, completion, true/false, skills section and short answer. *Test/Assessments will be a LARGE percentage of your grade (60-70%). Writing Assignments, Quizzes and some labs are counted as assessments.* It will be very important that you prepare yourself for them.

 *Please note: When Tests/Assessments are given, there is NO talking during them. Failure to follow this rule will result in significant point loss.*

1. Quizzes

Quizzes will be given on vocabulary and small topics in each unit.

1. Labs

*We will be conducting many, many labs in this class, virtual and hands on*. It will be important to make careful observations and answer the questions accurately based on your observations.

1. Assignments

This includes: homework assignments, classwork, and special projects. All assignments must include your full name, date, and a title.

1. *Late work will be accepted for half credit within 2 days of the due date, after the due date it will become a zero.*
2. Forgetting your name will *always* result in a 5 point deduction.
3. Sloppy work will be returned to be done again neatly and resubmitted the next day. There will be a *minor* penalty if you have to redo it.
4. **ALL assignments MUST have complete sentences!! Points will be lost if answers are not in complete sentences.**
5. Formal essays and special projects must be done in ink. Pencil is unacceptable!!
6. Notebooks

You will need a 5 subject college ruled spiral notebook for this class.

1. The sections will be for the topics we cover throughout the year. We will glue handouts directly into the notebook.
2. Each new topic in the notebook will have a Table of Contents.

Extra-Credit-In general, I don’t believe in extra-credit. In rare instances it will be available. You must be below 70% and have no zeroes to be eligible for extra-credit. We will be here every Tuesday morning for extra-help or if you make arrangements with me, I could stay after school for extra-help (*after soccer season*).

I have read through the grading procedures with my child and we fully understand the requirements for this class.

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