



***Eighth Grade Science Syllabus  
Andover Middle School  
Mr. Garrison***



- I. What topics will be covered this year?
  - a. Astronomy
  - b. Electricity and Magnetism
  - c. Genetics and Heredity
  - d. Weather
  
- II. How will I be evaluated?

Student's grades will be based on daily assignments, labs, group and individual projects, quizzes and tests.
  
- III. Can I receive extra credit?

This is up to you. I will not assign extra credit assignments. If you are interested in extra credit you, the student, will need to find something which applies its content to our current unit of study at that time. Some example:

  - a. A summary of a current science article from some media resource. Limit of 2 articles per unit with a minimum of one paragraph typed summary. Please include a copy of the article.
  - b. Write a report about someone who made an impact in the field of science as it relates to the unit. Minimum of three paragraphs with a bibliography of resources used for research.
  - c. Complete an activity not done during the unit or one found from the Internet activities as provided by Holt Science & Technology.
  - d. Accelerated Reader, a science related book that you have read for AR points in English can be used here, too.

**Extra Credit is when YOU go above and beyond what is required without asking; it is your responsibility.**

**Extra Credit guidelines.** Don't ask me about what you can do or what your grade is. E.C. assignments are due two weeks before the end of a grading period. I will not accept any after the cutoff date.

- V. What is your policy on late work?

**Under normal circumstances work shouldn't be late.** However, if you have been absent, you have 2 days make-up for each 1-day absent (school handbook). Labs and videos are difficult to make up so you may need to come in before or stay after school to complete a lab or view a missed portion of a video. There is not that much homework in science so should something occur please have your mom/dad contact me.

The key here is communication. A student should not wait until we have finished grading an assignment to tell me then that he/she does not have it.

VI. What materials will I need?

It is very important in my class that you come prepared. Always have with you your agenda book, textbook, pencil/pen, and a **three-ringed binder** for this class. **Due to the materials that are used throughout the year in science and the availability of space to put them, please DO NOT bring backpacks or trapper keepers to class.** Finally, be prepared to bring items such as colored pencils, graph paper, protractor, scissors, glue, or other items when needed. You will know in advance what is needed for class projects, be sure to write them in your agenda and pay attention to the white board outside the classroom door.

**For Student and Parent: Please read and sign. If you have questions, please call me at school, 218-4610 or e-mail me at [garrisoj@usd385.org](mailto:garrisoj@usd385.org).**

I, the undersigned, have read this syllabus and understand the rules and expectations for this school year.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



*\*Please, keep this in your binder for future reference if you have a question.\**