

4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Science Syllabus - Mrs. Carnes

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Course Description: The study of elementary science includes planning and safely implementing classroom and outdoor investigations using scientific processes, including inquiry methods, analyzing information, making informed decisions, and using tools to collect and record information, while addressing the major concepts and vocabulary, in the context of physical, earth, and life sciences.

Requirements and Materials: Students will be using their planners daily to keep track of important information including vocabulary, test dates and projects.

All students will be required to have *1 composition book* to be kept in the classroom for science journaling and lab reports. All Classroom materials will be provided by the teacher.

Grading practices: Student grades will be updated by the end of the day on Fridays. Grade percentages will be as follows: 60% daily grades/homework/quizzes, 40% Major tests/Projects.

Class participation: Regular attendance is essential for students to gain the maximum benefit from their education - to benefit from teacher-led and school activities, to build each day's learning on the previous day's and to grow as an individual. Tardies or absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student's mastery of the instructional materials; therefore, the student and parent should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences.

Class work is expected to be turned in on time. Missing assignments will be made up during a working lunch period.

Students are allowed to make-up an assignments or tests after excused absences. Students will have the same number of days they are absent to make up work. Upon return from absence, the student is expected to check the missing work folder for missed assignments. It is the student's responsibility to get the assignments.

Lab safety: The science lab is a great opportunity to discover and learn: however, it can be a place of danger if common-sense precautions are not taken. Students are expected to learn and follow general guidelines to keep the lab a safe environment. Goggles will be worn when directed by the teacher. Horseplay is not allowed. Additional precautions will be announced prior to certain experiments. Students who choose not to follow all safety rules will be removed from the activity.