

Welcome to Sixth Grade Science!

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to Columbia Middle School! The following FAQs provide information to help you make the most of your opportunities to succeed this year and to enjoy learning science. Take a few minutes tonight to review this information together then complete the FAQs Acknowledgement Google Form your teacher shared with you.

We are always happy to sit down with a student one on one if he or she needs more clarification on a concept. We are available during PM office hours.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Email is the best way to reach us. We will post daily homework and other important information on Google Classroom. Students will enroll in Google Classroom which will provide access to some class handouts and assignments. We are looking forward to working with you and having an outstanding year!

Thank you,

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Sixth Grade Science Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Q: What's the secret to middle school science?

A: “Come” to class ready to learn and actively participate in class. Ask questions, join class discussions, and *always* try your best. **All school rules apply in person and during remote learning.** Always treat others with respect. Respect and care about yourself, your peers, teachers, and learning in this class.

Q: When I'm in school what should I bring to class?

A: In accordance with school rules wear your mask at all times. Bring your charged Chromebook, binder, planner, and pen every day.

Q: When I'm in school, what should I do when I get to class?

A: Please enter the room quietly, take out any homework that is due, and take your seat. Look to the front board and find your class block to copy down homework in your planner. Next, locate the Do Now assignment and begin working.

Q: When I'm remote learning, how will class work?

A: Find and click on the Zoom link in Google Classroom to join class. Have your binder, planner, and pen every day. **All school rules still apply.** When on video, follow our school dress code and general classroom etiquette.

Fully engage and actively participate in class by being visible during the lesson with **your camera on at all times**. Use Zoom's 'raise my hand' to ask questions.

Q: What should my remote learning space include?

A: Create a productive remote learning space at home by choosing a quiet place stocked with your: charged Chromebook, binders, books, pencils, pens, highlighter, and paper. Be sure there is a nearby outlet to charge your device.

Q: Where can I find my homework assignments and classwork?

A: Homework and class assignments will be distributed using Google Classroom.

Q: How is my grade calculated?

A: Your grade is earned by your performance in class and is based on total points. Quizzes are weighted once and announced at least two days in advance. Tests may be weighted twice and are announced at least three days in advance. A review may be held in the class before the test. **If you are absent for the review, you are still expected to make up the test the day you return to school.** Other assignments, including labs, comprehension check-ins and particular homework assignments may be collected and graded.

Q: What happens if I don't do my homework (HW)?

A: Homework is essential to help reinforce lessons taught during class and directly impacts your grade. Each student begins each marking period with 30 points (50% weighted). Each missed assignment is worth -2 points and each incomplete assignment is worth -1 point.

Daily homework will be posted on the front board in our classroom and on Google Classroom. If missing HW becomes an on-going issue, I will communicate with your parents regularly.

Q: What are the general classroom policies that I need to understand?

A: Follow the Code of Conduct. After an absence work must be made up ASAP. On the day you return, a missed quiz or test will be made up during class time or PM office hours.

Q: What if I need extra help?

A: If you have questions regarding homework or projects please see me during PM office hours. A detailed schedule with Zoom links will be posted on Google Classroom.

Q: What is academic dishonesty?

A: Academic dishonesty means claiming the work of another as your own. Cheating includes all forms of copying from another student or an electronic resource on a test, quiz, lab report, or homework assignment, as well as allowing another student to do so from your own work. An additional example is giving or receiving information about tests or quizzes between periods, when one or more of the students involved have not yet taken the exam. As a member of the Columbia Middle School community, you are expected to follow the Code of Conduct and to demonstrate honesty and integrity at all times.

*****Re-read these FAQs, share these FAQs with your parents AND complete the FAQs Acknowledgement Google Form.*****