

SCIENCE: GRADE 6 CLASS INFORMATION

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Contact Information

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Important Websites:

- ★ <https://classroom.google.com> – student website for daily assignments
- ★ <http://mrms6thgrade.weebly.com> - team blog and homework calendar
- ★ <https://juno.jupitered.com/login/> - quizzes and tests administered on this

Units Covered

- ★ Energy Transfer and Conservation
- ★ Simple Machines
- ★ Earth's Weather and Climate
- ★ Diversity of Life- Protists, Fungi, and Plants
- ★ Diversity of Life- Classification and Animals

*A detailed description of the South Carolina Curriculum Standards for Science can be viewed on the South Carolina State Department of Education's webpage at <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/ccr/Standards-Learning/Science.cfm>

Supplies

Mandatory Supplies

- ★ 4 composition books
- ★ pencils
- ★ glue sticks

Optional Supplies

- ★ facial tissues
- ★ post-it notes
- ★ Expo dry-erase markers

(Optional supplies are for classroom use)

Grading Information

Tests & Projects 50%

Quizzes 30%

*Both announced and unannounced "Pop Quizzes" will be given.

Classwork 15%

*includes Daily Science questions, classroom assignments, and lab activities

Homework 5%

*Article of the Week

What We Do In Class

- ★ Daily Science Questions- Two review questions copied from board into interactive notebook and answered at beginning of each class
- ★ Lesson (may extend over multiple days):
Engage to arouse interest
Explore through a hands-on, minds-on activity
Develop Concepts experienced during *Explore* activity with teacher
Apply new knowledge to test, improve, and refine understanding
- ★ Article of the Week- assigned each Monday and due Friday; students read and "mark up the text" on Monday, define vocabulary on Tuesday, write summary on Wednesday, and create 3 questions about the reading on Thursday.

Classroom and School Expectations

The following Mustang guidelines will be enforced at all times and in all areas of our building:

Be Safe – Always follow procedures established for classroom, hallway, restroom, and school wide behaviors. Keep hands and feet to yourself at all times. Always follow classroom rules and the lab rules stated in your safety contract.

Be Organized- Always bring a charged Chromebook, your notebook, and a pencil. Utilize your agenda. Maintain a neat work area.

Be Accountable – Give your best effort. Be sure any assigned work has been completed before class. Stay focused, do your work, and when you are in class keep your mind on class. Don't waste anyone's time!

Be Respectful - Respect your right to learn, respect your classmates' right to learn, and respect my right to help you learn! Respect our classroom and school by returning materials to the proper area in the same condition you found them and leaving your area clean. Be courteous to faculty, staff, and other students. Follow all directions given to you by adults.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please contact our guidance secretary, Mrs. Tammy Betz (tbetz@richland2.org), should you wish to schedule a conference with your child's teacher(s).

Daily Work?

- ★ Assignments are posted in Google Classroom along with directions for submitting each assignment.
- ★ Most classwork and notes will be completed in your Interactive Notebook. Emailed assignments should be sent to chrlewis@gmail.com.
- ★ You are expected to use the school provided agenda book. You, and your parent(s), may also visit the team website (mrms6thgrade.weebly.com) to sign up for the team blog and view your teachers' homework calendars.

Mustang Mastery?

- ★ Should you not do well on a test, you may either correct each question missed for 50% credit –OR– you may arrange a time with me to retake that test. In order to retake a test, you must have your parent's permission, attend a tutoring session, and complete an analysis of missed questions.

Late Work?

- ★ Late work is discouraged but will be accepted.
- ★ Should you fail to submit an assignment on time, you have five days from the original due date to submit that assignment. Ten points will be deducted for each day late.
- ★ Assignments are considered late if not submitted before I check for completion. This means if you take science during Block 3 and you do not email your completed work until Block 5 that day, it is considered late and points will be deducted.
- ★ Any assignment that you did not complete on time and which I go over answers in class on the due date is not eligible to be submitted for late credit.

Absent?

- ★ If you are absent, check Google Classroom for missing work. If possible, try to work on what you can so that you do not have as much to complete when you return to school.
- ★ When absent, the number of makeup days for work is equivalent to the number of days absent.
- ★ If you are absent ONLY on the day of a scheduled test or quiz, you are responsible for making up the quiz or test the following day when you return to school.

Entering the room?

- ★ Upon entering the classroom, take your seat, copy and answer the Daily Science questions, and check Google Classroom for any daily assignments.
- ★ This is not the time to socialize with your friends!

Sharpening your pencil?

- ★ Pencils should be sharpened at the beginning of class or during group transitions. You don't have to ask during these designated times.
- ★ No more than two people at the pencil sharpener at one time.
- ★ Under no circumstances should you get up to sharpen your pencil while I am presenting a lesson. Please quietly ask your neighbor to borrow something to write with until there is a break in the lesson.

Throwing things away?

- ★ Keep any trash at your table until the end of class or an appropriate transition time.

Asking questions and Participating in Class?

- ★ You are expected to participate in all class discussions and encouraged to ask for help whenever needed!
- ★ If working in groups or pairs, please ask other members of your group before asking the teacher.
- ★ When asking a question or participating in a discussion, please raise your hand and wait to be called on.

Leaving class?

- ★ You will be dismissed once all directions have been followed and work areas are neat and in order.
- ★ Any homework or upcoming assignments should be recorded in agenda. If you do not have any assignments, write "None" in your agenda.
- ★ The bell does not dismiss you, the teacher does!