**7th Grade Life Science 2020-2021**

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***Introduction:***

The Seventh-Grade Science teachers are very excited about the GSE Georgia Standards of Excellence. Science students will be expected to focus on critical thinking, an investigative approach to learning. Seventh grade is a time for students to learn to be more self-directed; they must develop the ability to communicate their own needs to teachers. We want your child to let us know when assistance is needed. Additional information on our standards can be accessed at [www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org).

## Course Resources:

We will use a wide variety of resources to support the content including text resources, interactive websites, Stemscopes curriculum, Lab activities, USA Test Prep, etc.….

***Course Activities, Tasks, and Projects:***

The secret to learning is the use of a variety of activities. Our work sessions will include Lab Stations, direct instruction of new content, use of vocabulary building activities, and hands-on investigative Labs. We must improve our Reading levels, and communicate what we have learned through written responses, discussions, and Projects for each unit.

## Class Materials Requirements:

## Students are expected to have their agenda, science notebook, lots of pencils and pens, and paper every day. For science, colored pencils and glue sticks are strongly suggested. Please be sure to check with your child periodically to make sure school supplies are restocked.

## Grading Practice:

**Formative** Assessment: **Weighted 40%**

Warmups, Short Frequent Assessments, ticket out the door, Vocabulary quizzes, classwork and other assignments as communicated by the teacher.

**Summative** Assessment: **Weighted 60% (\*Summative assessments will be given on Thursday or Friday)**

Multiple content assessments, unit assessments, projects, tasks.

**Supplies: Pens/Pencils, Notebook paper, Binder, Colored Pencils/Crayons, Glue stick, and any donations of tissues or hand sanitizer.**

**Homework/Makeup Work/Late Work:**  Students are expected to work hard in class**. However, if students do not complete their classwork, they should complete it at home. Students are expected to review vocabulary on Quizlet daily (20-30 minutes).** It is expected that all assignments are turned in on time. If a student is absent on the due date, the assignment is due immediately upon return. However, if the student is absent multiple days, then the assignment(s) are due within one (1) week of return. It is the student’s responsibility to get missed work when absent. Tests and scheduled quizzes must be made up. Arrangements for recovery must be scheduled with the teacher since make-up exams will not be given during classroom time.

**Late assignments** - May be accepted but must be turned in within a timely manner for grading. Each teacher will communicate their own expectations for the due date for any late work, if applicable. Points will be deducted if assignments are not turned in by the assigned dates.

**Grades -** Parents can view student progress through Infinite Campus. Infinite Campus is the grading and attendance system that we use within Paulding County. Parents can receive their password and login through the front office. Photo ID required.