

## **WELCOME TO 8TH GRADE SCIENCE!**

This year we will be focusing on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade NGSS standards. These standards include Life, Earth, and Physical sciences as well as incorporating Engineering practices.

### **Curriculum:**

Clovis Unified has adopted Stemsscopes curriculum. Students will get a consumable book called the Stemslopedia. This is their textbook and will be used throughout the school year. The work in this book will be periodically checked as part of their classwork grade.

### **Helpful Materials:**

Students are encouraged to bring their own pencils, colored pencils, and highlighters. These are not required, but may make completing work in class easier.

### **Notebook:**

All students will create an interactive science notebook this year. All classwork including notes, assignments, vocabulary, and labs will be kept in that notebook. The Science Notebook accounts for half of their grade. If the notebook is lost by the student they are responsible for making a new notebook.

### **Daily Expectations:**

- BE ON TIME! (in your seat with notebook open by the time the bell rings)
- Come in the classroom immediately and get started on the warm up
- Remain seated during the class period unless told otherwise by the teacher
- Take pride in your notebook. Your notebook is your portfolio, study tool, and resource for information
- Plan to be a participant, not just a spectator
- You are expected to bring your notebook and Stemslopedia to class every day
- Make sure ALL assignments are FINISHED as directed and ON TIME!

### **Classroom Videos:**

We like to provide the students with opportunities to watch clips of movies that correlate with the curriculum. None of the movie clips we show have a rating other than G or PG. Please do not hesitate to contact your teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Make Up Work and Late Work:**

Make up and Late work must be completed and turned in within the grading period it was assigned.

**6 week:** Work assigned between 8/18/25 and 9/26/25 are due 9/26/25 by end of school day

**12 week:** Work assigned between 9/29/25 and 11/7/25 are due 11/7/25 by end of school day

**Semester 1:** Work assigned between 11/12/25 and 12/19/25 are due 12/19/25 by end of school day

**6 week:** Work assigned between 1/6/26 and 2/20/26 are due 2/20/26 by end of school day

**12 week:** Work assigned between 2/23/26 and 4/17/26 are due 4/17/26 by end of school day

**Semester 2:** Work assigned between 4/20/26 and 5/29/26 are due 5/29/26 by end of school day

### **Notebook Regrades:**

Students will be allowed ONE regrade per Notebook Check. The regrade is due before the end of the grading period in which it was assigned. The higher of the two scores will be recorded in the gradebook. Students are expected to use the grade sheet from the original Notebook Check to fix any mistakes or incomplete work prior to the regrade. Contact your teacher for days and times the teacher will be available to complete the Notebook regrade.

### **Quiz/Test Retakes:**

Students are strongly encouraged to retake any quiz or test for which they earned any grade less than a 70%. Students should complete these retakes within a week if possible. The student can retake tests and quizzes ONCE by making an appointment with their teacher, or during after school academic intervention lab. If the student needs additional help to review before retaking the quizzes or tests they should schedule an appointment with their teacher. Students can retake for 100%. Retakes are due by the dates above. Every student is expected to use the Gist Jot Strategy on every assessment and will receive a separate assessment grade for their notetaking.

### **Lab Safety:**

Students are expected to follow [all safety rules](#) given by their teacher prior to starting the lab. If a student is behaving in an unsafe manner they will be removed from the lab and sent to student services. They will receive a 0 for the work they miss as a result of their choices.

### **Grading:**

Grades will be calculated based on the following criteria:

Notebooks/Classwork	50% of their grade
Assessments/Gist Jots	50% of their grade

### **Consequences of Cheating:**

If a student cheats on **ANY** assessment or assignments, including using AI to complete the work or assessments without prior teacher approval, they will receive a zero on that assignment and will be referred to Student Services for consequences listed in the Student Handbook.

**\*This document needs to be signed and brought back to class. It will be glued in their science notebook and included in their first notebook score.**

I have read the Syllabus and agree to follow the rules of the classroom.

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

Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_