

**Ms. Cacao 7th Grade Science Syllabus 2025 - 2026\***  
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Welcome! You may think science only happens in labs, with test tubes and goggles, but in reality, science is everywhere! It's in the questions we ask, the problems we solve, and the way we explore the world around us. You do science every single day, even if you don't realize it. If you've ever tried something new, failed, and tried again, then that's science. If you've ever asked why something works, or noticed how something changed, that's science. If you make adjustments while playing sports, cook and follow recipes, build things, fix things, or even play video games, you are doing science. You don't have to wear a lab coat to be a scientist. In this class, we're going to learn science in ways that connect to your life.

### **Assignments and Grades**

Assignments and due dates will be posted on Google Classroom while grades will be posted on Aeries.

### **Google Classroom**

Classroom Codes for students only.

Period 1	ytz6m2nz
Period 3	6xazkmus
Period 4	rma32z3u

Period 5	5ej5zuw7
Period 6	kuvc43j5
Homeroom	5eog7hdn

### **Absences, Makeup Work, & Late Work**

Make sure to call out for your absences before the school day starts. It's your responsibility to make sure you obtain and complete any work you missed while absent. You can check Google Classroom or email me to obtain the work that you missed. You can also talk to me during homeroom or after school the day you get back. Do not ask "what did I miss?" during your class period. It's your responsibility to come in on your own time to find out. You will have as many days as you were absent to turn in makeup work before it's counted as late. Late work will be accepted up until the Wednesday before grades are due for the Progress Report. 10% will be taken off all late work.

### **Grading**

Extra credit opportunities will periodically be offered normally ranging from 1-10 pts. Therefore, a percentage of  $\geq 100\%$  will be an A+.'

## **Materials**

Most necessary materials will be provided in class such as color coded group materials including: scissors, colored pencils, rulers, glue, tape, and lab materials. However, students will need to bring a pencil, their science composition book, their *charged* Chromebook, and earbuds or headphones to class every day.

## **Contact**

Students are welcome to meet with me to discuss concerns and inquiries during homeroom, afterschool, and during Team Tutoring on Tuesdays from 2:45 - 3:30 pm. Parents and guardians can reach me through ParentSquare or email (kcacao@musd.org). You are also welcome to contact me through phone at (408) 635-2864 x3226. However, Email is best as you will not be able to call me directly during school hours.

## **Classroom Wishlist**

Most classroom resources and materials provided to the students are supplied by myself or by generous donations from parents and guardians like yourselves. Your support and donations are greatly appreciated, and if you would like to contribute to our classroom, here are a list of items that would benefit our classroom:

- Copy paper
- Binder paper
- Kleenex / Tissues
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Scotch / clear tape refills
- Blue / painters tape
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Composition books

Or you could visit my Amazon Classroom Wishlist by scanning the qr code below or visiting the website <https://tinyurl.com/mscacao25wishlist>



Any and all donations are greatly appreciated! Donations will be accepted the entire duration of the 2025-2026 school year.

Student First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_