

Vernon Middle School

Teacher: M. Rhea

School Year: 2025–2026

Grade Level: 7th Grade

Conference Time: 8:56–9:43 a.m.

Curriculum: Savvas Science

Mission Statement

I believe science is best learned through curiosity, exploration, and discovery. My mission is to spark a lifelong love of science by creating a classroom where students don't just memorize facts—they experience them. I am passionate about making learning meaningful through hands-on investigations, real-world connections, and student-centered collaboration.

Using Seidnitz strategies, I ensure every learner—no matter their background or language proficiency—can access, engage with, and excel in scientific concepts. My goal is to build confident thinkers who question, experiment, and see themselves as capable scientists.

Course Overview

This year, we will explore the fascinating world of life, physical, and earth science through engaging labs, experiments, and projects. Students will learn to think critically, solve problems to understand how the natural world works.

All students are given class time and clear instructions to complete their work, and any unfinished assignments are expected to be completed at home. It is important that your child takes responsibility for completing these assignments in order to stay on track academically.

Topics include:

Lab Safety & Scientific Inquiry

Physical and chemical changes

Force, Motion, & Energy

Human Body Systems

Ecosystems

Space Exploration

Classroom Expectations:

1. Be Respectful – of yourself, others, and all materials.
2. Be Responsible – come prepared and give your best effort daily.
3. Be Ready to Learn – stay curious, ask questions, and engage.

Grading Policy

Tests/Projects: 40%

Labs/Assignments: 50%

Participation: 10%

For Late work students are given 1 extra day to complete.

Materials Needed:

Composition book

Pencils, glue sticks

Positive attitude and curiosity!

Contact Information: You can contact me at your earliest convenience so we can discuss your child's progress.

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Please email or schedule a conference for any questions or concerns.