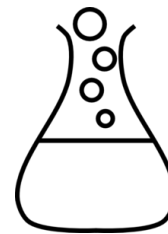


## 6th Grade Science

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### Units of Study

- Science Skills
- Physical Science
- Earth Science
- Life Science

### Materials Needed for Class

- Daily Binder
- Science Folder (stays in classroom)
- Science Notebook (stays in classroom)
- Chromebook
- Pencil
- Open mindset & positive attitude

### Curriculum

The 6th grade science curriculum, called OpenSciEd, engages students in hands-on, inquiry-based science learning, focusing on core concepts like Earth's systems, matter, and energy. Through interactive investigations and problem-solving activities, students develop critical thinking skills and a deeper understanding of the natural world.

### After School Help

Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00-2:30 or by appointment

### Absences

If a student is absent, their work will be available upon their return, with additional time provided to complete it. After-school time may be needed. For extended absences due to family trips or other events, please complete the required form available in the office.

### Grading Structure

|                                                         |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Major Assessments (Tests, Lab Reports, Projects)        | 40% |
| Minor Assessments (Quizzes & Short Writing Assignments) | 20% |
| Classwork                                               | 20% |
| Homework                                                | 20% |

## **Major Assessments**

These will include all types of larger assignments that show that the student has mastered a concept. Assessments will be announced at least one week in advance. These types of assessments include, but are not limited to, open-ended writing assignments, diagrams, projects, and tests.

## **Minor Assessments**

Quizzes are an opportunity to assess students' understanding of a topic and are typically announced a week in advance. Quizzes can be retaken. The two grades, the original and the retake, will be averaged together.

## **Classwork**

Classwork assignments will vary depending on the lesson. Classwork assignments might be completed individually, in pairs, or in small groups. If a student is absent for classwork, it may be necessary to schedule time to complete the assignment during Advisory or after school.

## **Homework**

Homework will be graded on effort, not accuracy. Homework is an opportunity for students to practice what they have learned, so it is not expected that the content is mastered yet. Late homework will be accepted, but 10 points are deducted for each day it is late. Please use the sixth grade team website to check homework (especially due to absences and band lessons).

## **Online Resources**

- **Google Classroom** - Students should be checking Google Classroom **daily** for reminders, assignments, and activities.
- **6th Grade Team Website** - Check homework and after school help days here.
- **iParent/iStudent** - Please check iParent/iStudent regularly to see grades. Assignments grades are typically posted within 2 weeks of when the assignment was turned in.

## **Contact Information**

Please reach out with any questions and/or concerns that you may have. I am looking forward to a great school year!

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