Welcome to Mrs. Hedstrom’s

8th and 6th Grade Science Class!

Students, we are all looking forward to a great year in science!

You will have many new experiences in science and I ask that you all come to class ready to work and learn.

We have so many activities planned to help you discover more about science and the world around you, but it will be very hard work too. Make a personal commitment to give your best effort.

Parents, I encourage you to call or e-mail me with specific concerns about your child. I want to work as a team to ensure that your child becomes an independent, life-long learner. I feel this will be an exciting year for all of us and I thank you in advance for working with me to make your child’s experience in science the best it can be.

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Information available on my website:

1. Test and quiz dates (always subject to change)

2. Homework assignments and due dates

3. Tutoring dates (always subject to change)

4. Weekly objectives and activities

5. ISN Table of Contents

6. Helpful documents and links for students and parents

7. Discussions on Blog tab of Weebly website.

 Each student will be required during each 9 weeks to post

 responses from home.

**Class Expectations:**

1. Come to class prepared with all supplies.

2. Follow all instructions and stay on task.

3. Be respectful.

**Consequences** (School Policy):

1st offense- Verbal Warning

2nd offense- parent/teacher contact

3rd offense- parent/teacher contact

 with after school detention

4th offense- In-Team Suspension (ITS)

5th Office referral for In-School Suspension (ISS)

\*\* Any severe offense will result in automatic office referral

**\*\*Grading Policies:**

CLASSWORK 35%

LABS / Interactive Student Notebook (ISN) 15% 

QUIZZES / Common District Assessments (CDA) 15 %

TESTS / PROJECTS 20%

HOMEWORK 15%

**Make-Up Work:**  As per FSMS guidelines, students are allowed

one additional day for each day absent, to complete missed in-class work and/or homework.

 It is the responsibility of the STUDENT to obtain missed work from the “Make up Work” Board. 

Students should see me to schedule time before or after school, or during lunch, to receive help with missed work or labs.

**Grade Raisers** for CDAs/TESTS/ QUIZZES only

 scoring lower than 75%

 (See Policy listed separately on website)

**Homework Policy:**

 Homework may be assigned several nights each week.

 It is the student’s responsibility to write down ALL assignments and instructions in their planner/Agenda. 

Homework is to be turned in the day that it is DUE.

If a student fails to turn in homework, signature of student AND parent

 will be required.

**Tutoring:**

Tutoring will also be available after school by appt. with parent signature.

I can also be available before school by appointment.

Students are expected to seek assistance if they are getting behind

 and/or feeling overwhelmed with material.

Students may also be expected to attend tutoring sessions after a

 low performance on Common District Assessments.

**What to bring to class each day:**

1. blue or black pen, pencil

2. AGENDA / planner

3. Colored pencils

4. Highlighter

6. Glue sticks

7. Completed Homework

**ISN - Interactive Student Notebook**-

Each student is required to have hardback NON-spiral Composition book. This Composition Book will be used as an organizational tool and artifact for Portfolio throughout the year’s Grading Periods. It is to **remain in class** unless assigned for HW study sessions.