**Physical Science Syllabus Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mrs. Stoops’ TOP TEN:**

1. **Get Organized.** For class, you will need 6 spiral notebooks (one for each unit) that you will leave here. Bring them all in with your name on them and we will store them until needed. Materials that we will use on occasion include: glue stick, scissors, highlighter, crayons/colored pencils (your preference). You should keep these extra materials in your book bag as you will also need them for math, language arts, and social studies. Your life will be so much easier if you make the commitment TODAY to stay organized!

1. **Be Prepared.** Always have something to write with-pen or pencil. Always bring your notebook to class. Cell phones need to be away (in your backpack) and not visible, even if you are not on it.

1. **Get a Jump Start!** The first thing we will do every day is to go over the Do Now, which will be up on the board. Don’t wait to until the last minute to complete homework, projects, and assignments. You will feel better knowing that it is done.

1. **If you need help, ASK.** Never be afraid to ask for help, further explanation, or examples. I am always here to help you. We have a hand sign system we will use.

1. **Treat your Do Now like GOLD!** Every day we will begin class by answering a question. The Do Now will be copied from the board onto your Do Now paper. Once we have gone over the question and answer, I will check your paper. I will do periodic checks of these (EASY way to make a 100%). The Do Now questions come from upcoming tests so use these to help you study.

1. **Treat Others with Respect.** We will work together often. Whether in pairs or groups, I expect you to work as a team to complete your labs and activities. I expect cooperation and consideration of others. This also includes the property of others (your classmates’, mine, the schools’, etc…) My cabinets and drawers are off limits. There is a student center with supplies for you at the front of the room. Anything else you need, please ask before taking.
2. **Use Your Head!** Always act responsibly in the lab setting. Use common sense and notify the teacher of any complications or injury (no matter how small). Horseplay is never permitted in the lab or in the classroom.
3. **Use Your Time Wisely.** Please make sure to **see me** if you have been absent. You will need to complete your make-up work and copy the Do Now that you missed. I keep a notebook that is just like yours. You may borrow it anytime-all you have to do is ask. All work can also be found on your Google Classroom webpage.
4. **You Must Put Forth Your Best Effort!** You must study, do your homework, and participate in class. Any incomplete assignments will be completed during Academic Opportunity at lunch. Zeros are NOT accepted. Failure is NOT an option! Retests will be offered to any student who **completes 20 flash cards** by the day before retest and has a parent sign the **retest contract**.

**Grading Policy:**

**Major (tests and projects) - 40%**

**Minor (quizzes, etc.)-30%**

**Daily (Do Nows and homework)-15%**

**Exams- 15%**

1. **Textbooks**-Our textbooks are consumable textbooks. They are quite big and bulky so I plan to keep them in my classroom. The pages are perforated so students can tear pages out as needed. We will then place these pages in our binders. Students will have what they need to study for upcoming tests and quizzes.

Our Google Classroom will be a part of our regular class. You can expect to use it multiple times a week in school and should plan to access it often at home. Be sure that both you AND your parents know how to log in!

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