

Advanced 6th Grade Science Course Description and Policies- Prewitt and Castelin

Course Content: Weather and Climate, Plate Tectonics, Rock and Fossil Record, Astronomy, Space Exploration and Biomes.

Grading Procedure:

60%- Major Grades 40%- Minor Grades

Student Interactive Notebook: Students will use a composition book for all class assignments. The purpose of the interactive notebook is to enable students to be creative, independent thinkers and writers. Interactive notebooks are used for class notes as well as for other activities where the student will be asked to express his/her own ideas and process the information presented in class.

Student Planner: ALL students will receive a planner and they are expected to use the planner daily. Students should write down their homework as soon as they enter the room. Please check the planner daily to make sure your student is writing down all of the assignments. Any work not finished in class is homework, unless students are told otherwise.

REQUIRED Class Materials: 4 Composition journals (College Ruled), 3-prong folder for science project paperwork, notebook paper, blue or black pens, pencils, red pens, colored pens, highlighters, colored pencils OR crayons, glue stick (not liquid), Post-it notes (3x3), **4 rolls of Scotch tape (the green one)**, and scissors. If you would like to donate classroom materials, please feel free to send with your child. **PLEASE HAVE 4 COMPOSITION BOOKS. ONE FOR EACH QUARTER.**

RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED: 1 GB Flash drive- Students can use the flash drive in all of their classes.

Classroom Rules: 1) Be on time for class. 2) Have all of your supplies. 3) Write down your homework in planner as soon as you are seated. 4) Respect for self and others. 5) Practice good manners. 6) Raise your hand and stay in your seat. 7) Listen to instructions the first time they are given. 8) Follow the uniform policy. 9) Clean up after yourself. 10) No eating drinking or gum chewing in class. 11) Always have a book to read, either from home or from the library. Must be an age appropriate book. Drawing books are unacceptable.

Disruptive, rude and disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.

1st Warning: Discipline Essay, 2nd , Detention with Teacher/Phone Call to parent, 3rd- Discipline Referral to Office.

Missed Work/Make-up Work: Immediately upon returning to school, it is the student's responsibility to speak with the teacher regarding all missed assignments and make-up work. Students will have the number of days absent, plus one, to turn in all missed assignments. Example: If student misses 3 days, they 4 days after they return to turn in all work. IF A STUDENT IS PRESENT IN CLASS WHEN A TEST OR QUIZ IS ANNOUNCED, THE STUDENT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE THE QUIZ OR TEST ON THE DAY THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL. Projects are due on or before the due date. Students should locate their work in the "While You Were Out Folder" as soon as they return. Students are responsible for getting all of their work and making arrangements with their teacher.

Late Assignments: Late assignments will not be accepted. Late assignments will receive a ZERO.

"No Name" Papers: 5 points will be deducted from all assignments where students fail to write their names on their papers/tests. 5 points will be deducted for not **writing page number, assignment title, and date** on Interactive Notebook pages.

Cheating/Plagiarism: Students will receive a zero if they cheat or plagiarize. This includes copying any assignment from another student. Both students will receive a zero.

Science Projects: ALL PPS students are required to complete a science project. The project will be completed in stages from August to late November. The final project will be due in early December. The project is worth 300 points and will be a 3rd quarter grade. The Science Project Logbook pages can be found on PPS website on Mrs. Prewitt's page under IMPORTANT FORMS. The logbook can be downloaded and printed.

Uniform Policy: **PLEASE READ THE UNIFORM POLICY.** Failure to comply with the uniform policy will result in detention. This includes shirts, shoes, pants, socks, blazers, jackets, ties, hoodies, undershirts, and hair adornment. School fleeces are \$40 and are sold at PPS and these are the ONLY acceptable fleeces.

REMIND : Please sign up for our group texting service. This is a free service is for students and parents. It is used to send photos of assignments, reminders, due dates, and test dates

PREWITT: Text: **@ha82gc** to 81010

CASTELIN- Text **@aagaad9** to 81010

Follow the instructions to complete activation and be sure to list your students first and last name so you can be identified.

Prewitt EMAIL and PHONE: cprewitt@mcpss.com 251-401-0926

I can be reached 7 days a week. Please text me if you have any questions. Please do not text or call after 8pm.

CASTELIN EMAIL: dcastelin@mcpss.com Best contact is texting through the Remind app.

By signing below you acknowledge that you and your child have read the course description and understand the policies and procedures as written.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Do you have Internet access at home? Yes _____ No _____

Does your child have access to a device to use at school? Phone iPad tablet laptop

Please list any allergies (food, latex, tape, etc.) _____

Does your child wear glasses or contacts? Yes _____ No _____

Please list or mention any other issues that would be helpful. (Habits, medications, bathroom concerns)
