**2016-2017 Stikine Middle School Science Overview**

Class: 7th & 8th Grade Life Science

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**PARENTS/GUARDIANS**: Welcome to the 2016-2017 Academic Year at Stikine Middle School! This is an overview of the 7th & 8th Grade Science curriculum. Please sign the reverse side indicating you have received and read this document. **Your signature is worth 25 points, so please have your child return it as soon as possible.**

**SCIENCE**: This year’s science curriculum focuses specifically on Life Science. We’ll be studying the structure, function, behavior of various living organisms and their relationships and interconnectedness. Students will be participating in many exciting hands on activities including dissections, growing plants, biomes and making observations with microscopes. We’ll also touch on some health related topics. Grades will be based points earned on worksheets, labs, quizzes and tests.

**EXPECTATIONS**: Students in each class will be expected to come to class everyday prepared to learn and work. **Prepared means students walk through my door with the following materials:**

A pencil (please, no pens) - **Pencils are available in the office for a cost of $.25 each.**

* **An organizer, such as a 3-ring binder with sections for the following:**
* **Notes**
* **Homework**
* **Returned Papers**
* A notebook for taking notes, one per subject or one divided into subjects
* Their textbook (If needed)
* Laptop
* Homework (if assigned)
* A novel for silent reading when time permits

**\*Being routinely unprepared may result in 15 minutes detention**

**HOMEWORK** Homework will be entered into PowerSchool on a regular basis so you’ll know whether or not students are keeping up on their daily assignments. The date shown for each assignment is the date that it is **due**. Assignments and due dates are also listed on the class website under the tab for each class. Please check PowerSchool and the website regularly. If you have any questions or you notice a mistake in the gradebook, please notify me as soon as possible.

**ABSENCES** Students are responsible for collecting their assignments in advance if they know they will be missing school, or as soon as possible after an unexpected absence. **A paper not turned in on time because of an absence is entered as a zero until it is made up.** To avoid zeroes in the grade book, it is the student’s responsibility to check with me to see what they’ve missed. **Students who are sent out of the class for behavior issues will still be held accountable for any work they may have missed in their absence.**

**Test Make-up Policy:** Upon a student’s return to school, students must schedule a date to take the missed test. For every day a scheduled make-up is missed, the test grade will lose 10% off the top.

**GRADES** will be assigned based on the following scale:

90% - 100% A

80% - 89% B

70% - 79% C

Below 70% is considered Fail or Incomplete depending on the circumstances

**Important**: A student who has less than a 70% but has turned in **ALL** their assignments before the end of the quarter will not be failed!

**Please acknowledge you have read this overview by signing and returning by Tuesday (8/30) for 25 points. If turned in after Tuesday, it will be penalized 5 points for each day it is late.**

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