

Tutorials...

I offer tutorials every day I do not have duty or meetings. Students who missed class due to an absence should attend tutorials which are offered twice daily. Session I is from 7:30 - 8:00 AM and Session II is from 8:05 - 8:35 AM.

Miscellaneous...

I have been teaching Science for 24 years, and I have a very high level of expectations academically and behaviorally. I will challenge your child to his/her fullest potential. If for any reason, your child is not meeting requirements, you will be contacted.

If, at any time, you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via email.

I am looking forward to a great year getting to know, work, and soar with your child.



How to Contact Me...

If you would like to get in touch with me, the phone number and email address appear below. Consult my school web page for a detailed schedule and conference time when it is best to contact me. I don't usually stay too late, but I am always at school by 7:15 AM.

My Web Page...

Please consult my web page for my schedule, a calendar of assignments and projects, copies of handouts and notes, and links to sites for further information.

My web URL is

<http://greenslime.info>

**** 5 BONUS POINTS will be give to each student who brings me a note signed by a parent stating that this brochure has been read and discussed with your child.*



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Expectations in Science...

Students will not receive a Science textbook unless asked for in writing as the text is available online through my web site.

All students will be required to maintain a Science Portfolio Notebook in a very specific format. We will walk through the process in class, students will receive a handout explaining the format (also available online), and it will be graded for a summative grade at the end of each quarter. **It is expected that the notebook will be taken home and the notes studied 10-15 minutes per day seven days a week.** The Notebook is a good source of information for you as well. Please LOOK for the notebook.

Lab reports will be required of all students and are major grades. I will be going through each step of the process with students and it is explained in their notebook. The exact rubric used to grade these reports is also found in the notebook. If your child has questions about writing the reports, he/she should attend tutorials BEFORE the report is due.

In addition, all PreAP students will be required to complete a major science project. This year's project will be a "Rube Goldberg Contraption". More information to follow.

Although homework is minimal, **I expect students to study EVERY day, seven days a week, for at least 10-15 minutes.** The majority of our homework will consist of reading the text and taking notes, completing guided reading activities, completing lab write-ups, and doing project work. Any work not completed in the time allotted in class **must** be finished for homework.

We will also be doing a lot of work using technology. If you do not have a computer at home, students may come before school to do extra work as needed. I am always at school by 7:15 AM.

Parent Involvement...

At this level, it is time to pass responsibility to your child. All I expect from you is the usual encouragement and monitoring of your child's work ethic. Please don't do any of the work—especially on projects; rather, guide with questions, proofread, suggest ideas, and keep tabs with what is happening at school via the Science Portfolio Notebook and my online calendar.

Ask your child what was done and have them explain...be interested. Above all, do not accept the "Nothing" answer that is usually given. Ask them to be specific and give details.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me as soon as an issue arises.

Absences...

Absences do occur. If this happens, there are several methods to take care of business. First and foremost, upon return, the student should check with classmates for assignments, notes, instructions and process skills. Further, the student should check the absence wall pocket for handouts or returned materials either during class or tutorials.

I **do not** send work via email, however, on my Handouts/Notes web page (see address to my site on outside, middle panel), I often post handouts or notes taken on the board. Also, copies of Portfolio Notebook pages can be found here. Posted on my Calendar web page you will find any assignments and major projects listed.

Student Progress...

If you would like to know how your child is performing, send a note with your child, send me an email, or give me a call. I will be happy to print out a progress report and send it to you via your child or email (assuming you will be able to open the file).

If a student's average falls below 80, I require a progress report to be signed by a parent and returned by the next class period. If I do not receive it, I will immediately have the student call the parent to discuss this.

Don't forget to check the Science Portfolio Notebook. It has a section for graded work and a Grade Form that should have all grades listed.

