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**8th Grade Science**

**Jacksonville Commons Middle School 2014-2015**

***School/Classroom Rules:***

* Remain seated and raise your hand to ask permission to speak or to leave your seat.
* Respect yourself and others: The “hands off” policy is enforced.
* Be on time and be prepared for class with all materials.
* Headgear of any type or chewing gum is not permitted in the buildings.
* Follow directions the first time they are given.
* Cell phones are not permitted in the classrooms. *Cell phones will be taken up by the teachers or administrators and turned in to the front office.*

***Consequences:***

* Verbal warning
* Parent Contact
* Lunch or after school detention
* Chill out or office referral & parent contact

***Rewards:***

* Verbal praise/core cards
* Parent contact
* Earned privileges

*Consequences vary according to the frequency and degree of behavior. Daily misbehaviors and severe misbehaviors may not warrant warnings, etc.*

***Policies and Procedures:***

* Students should have laptop, binder, loose-leaf papers, homework, and writing utensil ready by the time class begins. *The teacher will not have extra pencils and paper to replace forgotten materials.*
* Students should have laptop charged before school begins. *There will not be an opportunity to charge in the classroom.*
* Students should be complete and ready to check homework at the beginning of class. *If homework is not complete at the designated time to check, then it will be considered late and points will be deducted accordingly.*
* Students should write their name, date, title, and all examples from the lesson in their Cornell Notes. Notes should be kept in chronological order in their binders. *Binder checks/quizzes will be given regularly.*
* Students should not copy other students’ work, as this will be considered cheating.
* Students are required to *work independently* on specified tasks. During this time, *communication* with other students in any way will *not* be *allowed*. The teacher will notify students when student discussion is acceptable.
* Students may sharpen their pencils at the beginning of class (first 5 minutes). No pencils will be sharpened during instruction, so please have more than one or a personal pencil sharpener.
* Students may leave their seat to get tissue or to throw away trash when permission is given. *No more than 2 students are allowed out of their seats at one time*.
* Students will be given a designated bathroom time which include: before school, during AA, during lunch, and electives. Therefore, students will only be allowed to go to the bathroom during instruction in an *emergency situation*.

***1:1 Inititiative:***

* Onslow County Schools will expand their vision of Excellence in Education by transforming the way we deliver instruction in our district through a sustainable 1:1 laptop initiative. Entitled “The Learning Advantage,” this initiative will provide opportunities for personalized student learning and technology-rich classrooms.
* Jacksonville Commons MS will be deploying Dell laptops for our students in grades 7, 8, and 9 during the 2014-2015 school year. *Students will be allowed to take the laptops home each day throughout the school year.* At the end of the school year, the devices will be collected for maintenance purposes, and then will be reissued the following fall.

***Supplies:***

* Required: 3” 3 ring binder, tabbed dividers, loose leaf notebook paper, pencils, erasers, pens, green pen(for grading), highlighters, colored pencils or crayons, glue sticks, ruler, pencil pouch, agenda, tissue box
* Suggested: Personal pencil sharpener, calculator, tape or small stapler

*Please have these supplies by the beginning of the 2nd week of school.*

***Assignments:***

* Homework assignments can be given Monday-Friday every week. Students are expected to write them down in their agendas at the time. (There are times when homework will not be given.)
* Homework will be checked and collected the following day it is assigned, unless the assignment is set for extended days.
* Classwork, such as worksheets, practice, and activities, will be given frequently and collected for a grade. *It is the teacher’s decision whether or not grades will be taken*.
* Binder/INB quizzes will be given periodically, so it is important for the student to stay up to date with their notes, handouts, etc.
* Quizzes and tests will be given at appropriate times throughout a unit.
* Students will be responsible for completing assignments on USA TestPrep and Edmoto. These may be assigned as classwork, homework, or assessments.

***Absences/Late Policy:***

* When your child is absent, they will need to check the “While You Were Out…” folder located on the board for missed work. It is their responsibility to complete any assignments, write the word ABSENT at the top, and have it completed the next school day. They are allowed 1 (one) day for each day that they were absent to complete make-up work.
* *Students are responsible* for arranging a time to make up missed quizzes and tests.
* No work will be accepted after it is 3 (three) days late. Each day that it is late it will lose 8 points (equivalent of one letter grade).
  + One day late = 92%
  + Two days late = 84%
  + Three days late = 76%
  + After three days = 50%

***Grading Scales*:**

A = 93%-100%

B = 85%-92%

C = 77%-84%

D = 70%-76%

F = below 70%

***SCIENCE Grading Weight:***

25% Tests

20% Quizzes

20% Notebook (Notes, Do Now)

20% Projects/Labs/Demonstrations

15% Homework

**Tutoring:**

* Will be scheduled as needed/requested.

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**I have read and understand the previous information regarding rules, policies, and procedures, etc. for Mrs. Hall’s class and know I am responsible for everything it contains.**

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