

# Class Expectations

- **Be your own advocate.** Stake a claim in the classroom by making sure the teacher knows who you are...in a good way.
- **Be Engaged!** This is even more important if you don't quite understand.
- **Ask lots of questions...** I can only help if you tell me you are struggling.
- **Understand,** leaving class not fully understanding what was covered is both normal and expected. For many of you, homework will help that. For others, extra time may be needed.. It is expected that you understand the directions to assignments before you leave class. Be an active participant not a passive one.
- **Communicate your struggles to your teacher.**
- Each student is responsible for **all class work missed**, regardless of the reason for absence.
- If you **miss a class**, the best way to find out what was missed is through the Google Classroom. If you are unsure, ask a friend or the teacher.
- **Be respectful and helpful.** Everyone is here to learn and increase their skills. See rubrics on back of syllabus.
- **Cellphones...** Are to be kept off and away.



# Extra Help

Mrs. Petrie is available for a working lunch except on Friday's or by appointment after school.

# Contact Info

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# 8th Grade Science

with Mrs. Petrie

## Supplies

- Notebook with table of contents that matches the one in class.
- Writing utensils
- Willingness to learn and motivation to ask for help when needed



## Homework Policy



When Absent students are still responsible for all missed work.

**Absent:** For each day you are absent you will have that many days to complete missed work.( ex. 2 days absent 2 days to get work in without reduced grade)

**Classwork:** Work not completed in class becomes homework . Late work will receive a 50% reduction. Late work will not be accepted after 1 week. Work that isn't finished in class becomes homework. Once a week(Thursdays) .students will get an information text assignment. This usually consists of reading and questions. This can be done in ME block



## Grading Policy

**Grade based on total points earned.**  
**Participation**-Point value range ( 5-20 pts.)  
Students receive points for practicing the language of science and for participating in class discussions in a positive manner. **Participation Rubric**  
[CLASS CONTRIBUTION GRADE](#)

### Completing Classwork

Point values (around 1-5 pts.)

### Quizzes/ Lab write-ups

point value range (10-20 pts.)

**retakes are not available for quizzes**

Lab write-ups are worth up to 20 points.

**Tests**-Point value (25-50 pts.)

Retakes for 70% are available. I will hold one retake session within 5 days of the exam.