

Welcome to Mrs Gillum's Room

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- My e-mail: (the way to REALLY reach me!!)
- MrsG9064@aol.com
- Please e-mail me tonight/tomorrow if you did not get an email last Saturday! I want you in the loop!!! Please put your student's name/period in the subject line.
- I send an e-mail EVERY Friday night/Saturday morning with what we did in class and what we will be doing the next week.

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- My Web Page with LOTS of information:
- <http://mrsgillumscience.com>
- 8th Grade Science (Index) Web Page:
[click here](#)
- 2016 Science Photo Directory!!
[Click here](#)

Homework/Grade Printouts

- I do not post my grades in Parent Connect, however, grades will be handed out as a progress notice about every 3-4 weeks.
- If you have ANY concerns, please email me and I can get you a printout.
- I have all assignments posted on my web page, plus the kids have a hard copy syllabus.
- If you have any concerns, please feel free to email me . I will reply very quickly. (unless it's after 8 at night!)

Curriculum

- This year the focus is on :
Chemistry: Inorganic and Organic,
Physics: Force & Motion, KE, PE,
Waves, Space Science, Life Skills,
Sex Ed...
The Flying Car competition
AND Jr Solar Sprint (Solar Cars)

Communication

- I communicate with my students A LOT
- They should be checking their e-mail EVERY NIGHT by 8pm.
If they don't have their own account,
PLEASE consider getting them one-
so I'm not bugging you ☺

Before school help/quiet place

- I'm in my classroom every morning by 5:30am, (open my doors at 6:30) AND am open at lunch.
- PLEASE feel free to have your student come in before school, or at lunch if they want extra help, need computer time, or simply need a quiet place to study.
- Just have them contact me for a pass.
- They are more than welcome!

Homework & Grading

- Science grades are based on a point system. This year their graded assignments will vary in point count.
- Little Books (the daily homework) will simply be recorded as a +, - or 0.
- While they hold no grade point value, they ARE a type of study guide and cheat sheet that the students may use on their final exams. Little Books done poorly, or not at all, will leave the student HOPING they know the test information by memory, because they will have no other aids on the final exams.
- PLEASE encourage your student to do these booklets well.

Homework & Grading

- Lab/Lecture notebooks and projects will be weighted with high point values as will Final Exams.
- It is the goal of our department that the students understand the standards and are prepared for high school. All due dates will be listed on the syllabus.
- Notebooks/projects earn up to 50% if under 3 days late and 0% after 3 days.
- Grading: A= 90-100% B=80-89% C= 70-79% D= 59-69% F=58% or below.

Homework

- Usually about 20 minutes a night, occasionally it may be longer, but all students will receive a 4-5 week syllabus and they can get ahead or double up if they have activities.
- If you have concerns about the time it is taking your student to complete the work PLEASE email me.
- I want them to learn & love science- but not drown in it!

Late work & Grading

- Notebooks/projects earn up to 50% if under 3 days late and 0% after 3 days late during the 1st semester.
- Late work 2nd semester receives a zero.

Absences

- If your student is absent, it is **THEIR responsibility to see me and find out what they missed (they can also EMAIL me!)**
- **PLEASE have them see me on the first day they return to school.**
- This can be done before / after school, during lunch (whichever is the easiest)

Project Due Dates

- There are a few large projects that are due on the due date, whether the student is in school or not.
- This is to prevent the "homework flu".
- Those projects will be noted in the syllabus & plenty of notice will be given -

Long Absences

- Please feel free to contact me if your student will be out an extended period of time. I will copy lecture notes, burn cds and provide as much work as I can for their absences.
- You can also check my web site. It has my lectures (power points & movies) with "student notes" , "teacher notes" and handouts available for downloading.

MAKE UP WORK

- If your student is absent 1 day, their work/test make up is to take place THE FIRST DAY they return to school, SO have them see me before school!
- After 3 days of non completion, or failure to turn in an assignment, the assignment will be recorded as a zero.

In closing...

- **This is a great groups of 8th graders.**
- **Thank you for sending me such terrific kids!**

Questions??