



## MR. Genovese's 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCIENCE

*Man is a goal-seeking animal. His life only has meaning if he is reaching out and striving for his goals.*  
- Aristotle

I would like to welcome you to the sixth grade and to the new school year. I am looking forward to working with you and your child during this exciting year that is academically challenging and socially enriching. Our class will cover many topics, including Life Science, Physical Science and Earth Science.

In order to create a classroom where all students can learn, I enforce classroom rules based on respect and responsibility. Please help your child start a successful school year by discussing the following classroom policies with him/her:

### Classroom Rules

1. Be polite to peers and adults.
2. Respect others' space and property.
3. Bring all materials to class each day (science notebook, science folder, textbook, pencil and eraser, loose leaf paper).
4. Enter the classroom quietly and be in your seat when the bell rings.

### Classroom Procedures

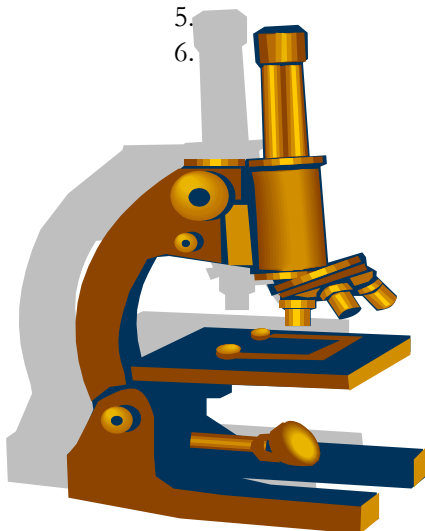
1. Raise your hand and wait to be called upon.
2. Sharpen pencils, throw away trash and use the restroom before class begins.
3. At the beginning of class, have all homework into the class hand-in-tray.
4. At the end of class remain seated and do not put away materials until directed to by the teacher.

### Consequences

#### **Behavior/Consequences:**

1. Students will be issued a warning for not following the classroom rules and policies.
2. The student's initials will be placed on the board as a reminder to remain focused or receive a teacher detention. Students with initials on the board can have them removed upon correcting the behavior.
3. In the case of severe misbehavior, the student may receive an automatic detention or an office referral.
4. In addition to teacher detentions, additional consequences may be imposed as needed, such as moving a seat, removal from classroom, a writing assignment, phone call/note home.

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### Grades

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### **GRADE AREA #1: TEST PROJECTS LABS AND QUIZZES 75% of the overall grade.**

**Tests:** Tests will be given throughout the year, and there will be a review the day before each test.

Students may be issued study guides before the test, but should be used as a guide for studying, not the sole means to study.

**Quizzes:** Quizzes will be given anytime throughout the unit.

**Projects:** Individual and group projects will be assigned throughout the year. Students will be given a rubric for each project when it is assigned.

**Labs:** Labs will be done throughout the year based on the unit of study. Please refer to the Lab Procedures for Rules & Guidelines for labs.

### **GRADE AREA #2: HOMEWORK/CLASSWORK & GUIDED READINGS 25% of the overall grade.**

All homework/classwork is based on a 10 point rubric system outlined below.

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#### **If You Are Absent**

1. Call a friend from class to see what you missed, check on **Progressbook**, or after school see the teacher for any missed assignments.
2. Hand in your absent work *directly* to the teacher.
3. You have the number of days you were absent to complete the absent work.
4. If you miss a test, you should plan on making it up upon your return, unless otherwise agreed to by the teacher.

**Mastery Connect:** This is what I use to monitor student progress on all the formative and summative assessments. Their achievement will be correlated to a color, red (remedial, yellow (near mastery) and green (mastery). I then transfer the percentages into Progressbook as grades. I can email the link to their specific achievement and it can be checked at your convenience or I can print out a progress report to be sent home with the student. Students will be able to work at their own level and will be assessed in a variety of different methods including verbal assessments. Students will have the opportunity for advancement on their successful units, and will be assisted during the struggling topics.

I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student. The best way to contact me is via e-mail.

Sincerely,

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