

Butler Middle School
Lowell Public Schools
2017-2018
8th Grade Science
Room 203

August 31, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am very excited to be your child's science teacher! Throughout the year, your child will be building essential science, technology, and engineering skills as we learn about chemical interactions, planetary science, heredity and adaptation, and mechanical engineering. All science classes will learn through conducting scientific investigations, completing engineering design challenges, observing and questioning the natural world, creating models, using math and computational thinking, representing data, making scientific explanations, and engaging in scientific argumentation about important current topics.

Please review the syllabus and expectations carefully with your child, and check your child's agenda and assignments daily to help him or her have a successful year. Please sign the syllabus on the following page to indicate that you have reviewed it with your child.

I look forward to getting to know you and your child and watching him/her grow this school year. I will post information about assignments, activities, student grades regularly so that you can keep up-to-date on your child's progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email or phone. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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2017-2018 Syllabus, 8th Grade Science

Teacher: Ms. Clara Cahill

Content: Chemical Investigations, Planetary Science, Heredity and Adaptations, Mechanical Engineering

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Ms. Cahill's Classroom Expectations and Rules

1. **Be respectful** – Show respect for others, yourself, classroom resources, and our school. Be a positive and helpful team-member and classmate.
2. **Be responsible** – Complete all classwork and homework, study your materials, come to class on time each day, ready to learn and work as a class team.
3. **Be safe** – Behave carefully in class and follow all lab safety rules.

Classroom Materials

Bring the following materials to class each day:

1. **Science composition book**
2. **Pencil(s)**
3. **Clear tape or glue stick**
4. **Agenda book**
5. **Folder or binder** – to keep returned assignments organized.

Grading

Your science grades will be based on:

10% Homework

15% Exit slips and class participation

40% Science Notebook

35% Quizzes and tests

Homework Policy

Homework is an important part of the learning experience. Students will have homework 3-4 nights each week. Homework assignments should be recorded in student's agendas. Homework will be checked at the beginning of class. Homework assignments that are turned in late or are not completed by the start of class will lose 10% of points each day. **After 3 days, late assignments will not be accepted for credit.**

Make-up Work Policy

It is the **student's responsibility** to complete and turn in missed work and to catch up on missed classwork. All classwork and notes will be maintained in a folder in class, and assignments will be updated on our Google Classroom site.

*Student and parent/guardian signatures:

We have reviewed this syllabus and information together.

Parent/guardian name

Student name

Parent/guardian signature

Student signature

