

Welcome to Mrs. Siminerio's Earth Science Class

This year will be full of many new and exciting opportunities to learn Earth Science. We will be performing laboratory experiments, conducting some research, and working together as scientists often do everyday. I look forward to getting to know all of you over the following months and hope you enjoy science as much as I do!



To help us become more responsible students, I have put together the following outline of some basic expectations for this school year. **Please read through the following with a parent/guardian and sign it to show that you understand what is expected of you this year. Bring it to class FRIDAY and get full credit for your first homework assignment!** After its been signed and checked by me, keep it in the front of your science binder to refer back to throughout the year.

Here's to a good year,
Mrs. Siminerio

EARTH SCIENCE RESPONSIBILITIES

SUPPLIES: Please bring the following to class, **everyday!**

- Your school distributed AGENDA book
- A 3 ring binder filled with loose-leaf paper (NOT to be shared with other classes)
- Divide your binder into three (3) sections:
 1. Class Notes
 2. Homework
 3. Tests/Quizzes
- With permanent black marker, write your first and last name and homeroom teacher/number on the front cover of your binder
- 2 pens (black or blue), two #2 pencils, and at least one highlighter
- Earth Science Reference Tables (provided by me in the beginning of the year)
- 1 box of Tissues (Greatly Appreciated)



CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:

- Respect yourself, teachers, your peers, and school property at all times.
- Come to class **on time** and be prepared (supplies and assignments due).
- Raise your hand to ask a question, make a comment, or respond to a question.



This is everyone's classroom. You are expected to leave the classroom as neat as you found it at the beginning of class. We must work as a team to keep our workspace organized and clean to prevent hazardous situations.

Grading Policy:

Tests 40%
Quizzes 15%

Classwork/ Homework 15%
*Labs 30%

TESTS(40%): Tests will be announced. Review class and/or assignments will be assigned prior to the test to help you prepare and study. If you have any questions when reviewing or studying, come to extra help. If you are absent the day of a test, you will be expected to take the test **on the day you return to class.**

HOMEWORK(15%): Bring your AGENDA book EVERYDAY!

- Homework assignments must be completed and available to be checked at the beginning of class on the day they are due.
- Homework will only be accepted 1 day late for partial credit.
- Work missed due to any absence **must be made up**. You have one day to make up the HW for each day you were absent +1 day. It is the responsibility of the absent student to obtain and complete all missed assignments and submit it for grading.
- Homework assignments should be neatly written or typed.
- Some homework assignments may require electronic submission (Google Classroom, Castle Learning, Achieve 3000, etc).

- Homework, as well as other assignments being handed in should have the proper heading:

First and Last Name

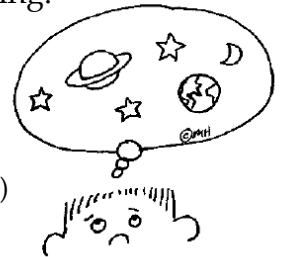
Due Date

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Assignment Title

- Homework assignments may be collected and/or graded based on the following:

- ✓+ Excellent effort, complete with little to no errors, handed in on time. (100%)
- ✓ Good effort, complete with few errors, handed in on time. (85%)
- ✓- Poor effort, incomplete/many errors, **handed in late**. (60%)
- 0 No effort, did not hand in assignment or make up in a timely manner, illegible. (0%)



QUIZZES(15%): Quizzes will be both announced and unannounced and will be based on current curriculum of study or homework assignments.

***LABS(30%):** At the end of the school year, you will be taking the Earth Science Regents. It is mandated by the state that students complete 1200 laboratory minutes to be eligible for the exam.

- Labs will be completed in class to introduce or reinforce scientific concepts.
- All labs will be graded and stored in a lab folder in the classroom.
- Any lab that is not submitted on its due date will receive a **5 point deduction/day** it is late.
- Any labs that were missed due to an absence and that require materials provided by the teacher will be made up during **extra help**.

Extra Help:

- Extra Help will usually be held Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings in **room 225**.

I have read and understand the Earth Science Responsibilities. I will direct any questions or concerns to Mrs. Siminerio by calling the Middle School office at (516) 644-4200 or via email: [gsmimerio@bethpageeagles.ws](mailto:gsiminerio@bethpageeagles.ws)

Class Expectations Sheet Acknowledgement

Student's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____