

## **EIGHTH GRADE SCIENCE--MRS. MASLYAR**

This year we will be using STEMScopes, which is our science curriculum that is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). STEMScopes focuses on integrating all the sciences. This means that students will be exposed to multiple areas including Earth science, life science, physical science, etc. Science is no longer about reading from textbooks, rather, students will discover new concepts as they participate in hands-on activities and labs.

### **GRADING BREAKDOWN**

Your child's grade is broken down into the following categories:

Labs/Projects/Tests 45%      Classwork/Homework 35%      Quizzes 20%

### **EXTRA CREDIT**

**NO** extra credit will be offered.

### **HOMEWORK**

According to Jefferson School district board policy, eighth graders should have homework for approximately one and a half hours four nights a week. There may be homework assigned, but not every night in my science class. Students should study new science concepts daily to prepare for quizzes and tests.

When absent, your child is expected to check the google site while at home and complete the work they can do on their own, so they do not fall behind. Students will be given extra time to complete assignments that need teacher explanation.

Every day your child is absent, they will be given the same number of days to get their missing work completed. For example, if your child is absent for three days, they have three days from when they return to turn in any work they missed for full credit. Also, if you request your child's work to be picked up from school when they are absent, it is expected to be completed upon the student's return.

I will post homework/classwork on my Google Site:

<https://sites.google.com/jsdtracy.com/6thgradejefferson/home>.

### **LATE WORK PASSES**

Students will be given a set of late passes each trimester. These passes are designed to be used by students when special circumstances keep them from completing their work on time. They are not meant to be used as a "day off." Once they have used up their passes, late work will not be accepted..

Late work passes will be accepted up until the day of the test, or end of trimester (whichever comes first).

### **LABS**

During lab time I expect students to follow safe lab procedures. Students not behaving appropriately during a lab will be removed and will not be given the opportunity to make-up the lab.

If a student misses a lab, it is their responsibility to see the teacher on the day they return to schedule a time to make up the lab.

### **TESTS/QUIZZES**

Students will be notified of tests at least a week in advance. Quizzes will typically occur every Monday and will be based on the previous week's material. Students will be allowed to use their own science binders during tests/quizzes. They are responsible for taking their own notes and keeping their science binders up to date.