

Mrs. Lowery's 6th Grade Earth Science Syllabus



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2019-2020

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Course Summary

Investigations on the nature of science and how scientific knowledge is achieved are essential components of **sixth grade** earth science and necessary to achieve scientific literacy. This will be achieved by providing students with an overview of common concepts in earth science including Geology (40%) Hydrology & Meteorology (40%) and Astronomy (20%).

Earth Science is taught in nine units that are aligned with the district's scope and sequence. However, the length of a unit may be adjusted based upon the needs of the class. A complete list of the Georgia Performance Standards of this class can be found on the Georgia Department of Education's website at:

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/Science-Sixth-Grade-Georgia-Standards.pdf>

Supplies

Three ring binder with dividers Pencils
Black/Blue ink pens Colored pencils
Notebook paper Composition notebook
Students should also purchase their supplies for projects assigned during the year.

Textbook and Workbooks

Georgia Earth & Space iScience © 2018

Students are required to bring Science **workbooks** to class everyday. Students may leave their Science **textbook** at home until notified in advance by teacher. ***Homework assignments will be given from both the Science textbook and Science workbook.***

Grading Policy

The grading system for this course is aligned with the district grading policy.

RANGE	LETTER GRADE
100 - 90	A
89 - 80	B
79 - 75	C
74-70	D
Below 70	F

Student grades will be comprised of the following categories:

Classwork & Participation (20%)

Homework (10%)

Quizzes (15%)

Tests (30%)

Labs & Special Projects (25%)

Students will also be required to maintain a science notebook that will be checked regularly and incorporated into their classwork grade.

Each category counts heavily toward the final grade, therefore, it is strongly suggested that students make every effort to come to class prepared to learn and participate in everything the class has to offer. Lack of preparation compromises student's participation grades. Students must also attend class regularly as attendance is essential for successful completion of the course.

Late Work: Students are responsible for obtaining any missed work and assignments when they are absent. All assignments missed due to an absence from class will be made up within five (5) days. If a student is absent the day before a test, they will take the test the day after he/she returns to school. If a student is present the day before a test, but is absent the day of the test, the test will be made up the day the student returns.

Classroom Expectations	
Studious	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Track the speaker- Focus on the assigned task
Committed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bring materials to class EVERYDAY- Express ideas in a positive way
Motivated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be on time- Ask questions- Learn from your mistakes
Strong	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Guide others to do the right thing- Accept that sometimes things will be difficult

Class Procedures:

1. Enter the classroom quietly, sit in your assigned seat and begin the "DO NOW"
2. Do not talk while the teacher is speaking, listen for information and directions
3. No food or candy may be eaten in the classroom unless the teacher provides it.

Contact Information

Parents please feel free to visit and participate in the class. I encourage and appreciate parental communication and involvement. You are a vital part of your child's continued success. My email address is lowerbe@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us. I can also be reached at (706) 592-3987.

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Date: August 6, 2019

Dear Students and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Please sign the appropriate sections below and return this sheet to Mrs. Lowery. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (706) 592-3987.

Student

I, _____, agree to the 6th grade science course guidelines and I will do the best that I can to be successful in 6th grade science this year.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian

I, _____, agree to the 6th grade science course guidelines and will do my part in assisting my child be successful in 6th grade science this year.

Parent Signature: _____

Contact information:

Home Phone Number(s) _____

Cell Phone Number(s) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Preferred method(s) of Contact (please circle):

Home Phone

Cell Phone

E-Mail

Text

Is there any other information I need to know about your child? Brag about your child!

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