**7th Grade Life Science Langford IB Middle School Syllabus**

**Course Description**

The**Seventh Grade Georgia Standards of Excellence** for science are designed to give all students an overview of common strands in life science including, but not limited to cells, human body systems, genetics, evolution, classification, ecology and biomes. We will engage in labs that are hands on and intriguing.

**Goals of this course:** As a result of this course, students should:

* Engage: assess prior knowledge, focus on a problem/questions and ask questions about the real world.
* Explore: design and conduct experiments
* Explain: clarify understanding and define concepts or terms
* Extend: build on their understanding of concepts and use knowledge of concepts to investigate further extension and apply explanations and skills to new, but similar situations
* Evaluate: demonstrate and understanding or knowledge of concept or skill

**Assignments:** Grading will occur on a variety of assignments including journal entries, notebooks containing all papers and handouts, active class participation, group work, homework, hands-on projects, tests, quizzes, presentations, study guides for tests, and video/DVD viewing.

**\*\*\*\*If student fails the quarter with a grade below a 70, they will have the opportunity to do grade recovery to recover the failing grade from the previous quarter. Students will utilize Edgenuity to complete the coursework to make up the failing quarter grade.**

**Supplies:**  these are the following supplies that will be needed to be successful in this course this year:

* **1 Spiral Notebook each quarter (total of 4 for the year). THIS IS A REQUIREMENT BECAUSE ALL WORK WILL BE IN THIS NOTEBOOK TO BE GRADED. WILL NEED THIS BY THE 3RD DAY OF SCHOOL!**
* Pencils/Pens/Markers/Colored pencils/glue sticks/hand sanitizer

\*\*\*\*If additional material is needed throughout the year I will inform you in advance\*\*\*\*

**Procedures:**

* If you have any questions or concerns about an assignment or a grade you received, or you need extra help with an assignment or project, please see me before or after school or leave me a [voice mail](http://www.owlteacher.com/syllabus.html) or e-mail message, and I will return it as soon as possible. I will be very happy to help you.
* There will be a test after each chapter or unit of study. Along with each test a study guide will be provided.
* There will be weekly notebook checks on Friday. Students have class time and can finish incomplete work as homework to complete these assignments by Friday**. I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY LATE NOTEBOOKS THEREFORE YOU WILL RECEIVE A “0” FOR THAT WEEKS WORTH OF WORK.**
* **I do not accept late work, the only excuse that will omit you from this rule is if you have a legitimate excuse, sick and was out of school, yet I will require an excuse attached to the late work.**

**Rules:**

* Be on time! You must be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings. (3 tardies=call home, 5 tardies=silent lunch and call home, 7 tardies=1-hour morning detention, 9 or more=referral to administration)
* Be respectful! Show respect to everyone and everything.
* Students will remain seated unless directed.
* **DO NOT TOUCH ANY LIVING THINGS IN MY CLASSROOM WITHOUT PERMISSION! TO HARM/DAMAGE ANY OF MY PLANTS OR ANIMALS PARENTS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE!**
* Be prepared! Bring daily-required materials to class every day.
* Follow all Lab safety rules and procedures.
* All other school rules and policies are in effect.

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO BREAK A RULE:**

* 1st Offense: Verbal warning.
* 2nd Offense: Call home
* 3rd Offense: 1-hour detention in the morning & parental notification
* 4th Offense: Automatic referral to Principal/Parent conference

**Grading Scale**

Projects/Tests- 35%

Quiz/Labs-30%

Classwork-30%

Homework-5%

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**Phone: (706) 737-7301**

**Remind: text this message: @9d8feac to number:81010** make sure you include your child’s name when you sign up. This is how I will communicate all class and school information

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Please cut along the dotted line and return the bottom portion to Ms. Thomas by August 9, 2019. You will receive a homework grade for returning this signed form by September 13, 2020

I have read and understand the guidelines and procedures for Ms. Thomas 7th Grade Life Science Class and have shared them with my parents

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank-You! I look forward to working with you and your child this year

Parent comments, questions, ideas and/ or concerns: