

8th Grade Science Mrs. Schmitt Room 104

Please fill out Google Form on my website by Friday, 9/1. Worth 10 Points



Contact Information

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Classwork/Test postings:

My Website:

https://co.santeesd.net/staff_websites/schmitt

1. Go to Santee School District Website
2. Select Carlton Oaks School
3. Select Staff Websites tab and select Schmitt



Grading Policy

Grading- Homework/Classwork- Grades are posted online and updated regularly. It is the responsibility of students to check grades for missing work.

Academic Grades are determined by Classwork, Tests and Projects.

Tests are worth 100 points

Projects are worth 50 points

Classwork is worth 20 points weekly and is assigned using various methods including Sketch Notes as well as support work. Science work is typically assigned Monday and is **due each**

Friday. The purpose of these assignments is to either review or preview Science lessons.

Students are not to copy homework from other students. If this should occur, any student involved will receive a score of "0" on the assignment. Other disciplinary procedures will be followed. Please see planner for more information. The process of finding the correct answer is more important than "getting the right answer." Much of the Science tests come from assigned information.

Full credit is given to students who turn in Classwork on time. Students must email before assignments are due with valid reasons asking for a grace period. Grades are often updated daily. Please set a consistent time to check progress. PowerSchool and Google Classroom are the main forms of communication.

Absent Policy

Students are expected to attend class each day. If class is missed, students are to complete warm-ups, notes, and weekly Classwork.

Students: This is your responsibility. Please see absent policy page.

Google Class Codes For Students

Period 1 **cmcup6k**

Period 2 **m5i4tae**

Period 3 **dkdtiuf**

Period 4 **4grdfil**

A Little About Myself

This is my 34th year of teaching at Carlton Oaks. I have a husband, and a 27-year-old son who graduated from San Diego State University and is a zookeeper at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. I received a bachelor's degree as well as my teaching credential at San Diego State and earned a master's degree in Instructional Technology from Chapman University. Besides teaching Science, I also teach a computer class and am the current ASB advisor. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, reading, and spending time with family, my dog, and friends.

The Year in Brief

Overall theme: Earth's Place in the Universe
1st Trimester- Metric System, Contact Forces, and Sound Waves

Projects- Balloon Cars (50 points)

2nd Trimester- Forces at a Distance, Earth in Space, The Universe and the Solar System.

Projects- Science Contracts- (50 points on each due date, 150 points total)

3rd Trimester- Natural Selection, Geologic Time, Fossil Record. Genetics, and Positive Prevention

Projects- Earth Science Contracts (50 Points)

Materials

My goal is to keep costs below \$5. If you are unable to provide necessary supplies or would like to donate an extra set of materials, please note on Google Form. I will use my budget and personal funds to make sure each student is prepared. I appreciate your understanding and generosity during this challenging time.

- ☐ 9.75 x 7.5 **Composition Book** to take notes I have for \$1.00. No spiral notebooks.
- ☐ Colored pencils
- ☐ 8 Pack of Colored pens
- ☐ Stylus (This is optional)



Absent Policy

Make up work is designed for students who physically are unable to complete assignments or take tests due to illness. As the years go on, students are missing class for vacations, appointments, sports tournaments, family issues etc...

Grading, recording, and updating grades for make-up work takes on the average of an hour or two per week to complete. I would rather use this time to plan lessons and have more labs, which would provide additional "hands on" Science experiences for my students.

If you are absent, Classwork is still due. Only students who turn in work on time will receive full credit. Of course, exceptions will be made for long-term absences as well as illness accompanied by a doctor's note.

Projects/Tests- Contracts, Projects, etc....need to be brought in or submitted on **the due date**. If you are absent, the work is still due. Submit through Google Classroom, send with a friend, have a parent drop off in office. Points are taken off final total (50%) if materials are turned in after the deadline. If you know you will be absent, bring in projects before they are due. **Test make-ups for absent students need to be scheduled .**

If you do miss class, here are the steps you should follow...

- ☐ **Check my website, your weekly agenda, and Google Classroom for class warm-ups, test info, and project due dates.**
- ☐ **Complete warm up and notes missed- See Google Classroom.**
- ☐ **Write the missed work in your planner.**
- ☐ **Talk to a reliable student for further explanations and notes.**
- ☐ **Submit the completed work to Google Classroom**



Please use the above checklist anytime you are absent. This takes minimum responsibility!

Communication is very important. Please use the tools that Carlton Oaks has provided. Each teacher's email is included in your planner. Grades are also consistently posted online. You should always know your progress.

IF YOU ARE ABSENT

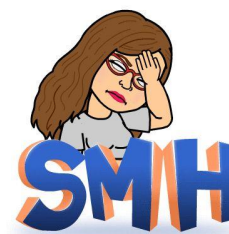


- ☐ Go to Google Classroom and complete warm up
 - ☐ Check Google Classroom for daily posting. Complete warm up and notes.
 - ☐ If a handout was passed out the day you were absent, collect it from the absent work file.
 - ☐ Submit Weekly Classwork on Friday.
 - ☐ Email jill.Schmitt@santeesd.net
1. If you require an extension. This must be done before due date.
 2. If you missed a Google Video Form in class and submitted it at a later date.

Things not to say...

"Did we do anything yesterday?"

"What did I miss?"



Routines and Procedures

Hello and welcome! Here are a few guidelines that help this classroom run smoothly. The consequences for choosing not to follow the rules can range from a gentle reminder, receiving a referral or a step, or suspension from class. The rewards of following instructions are free time, science games, no homework and computer time.

A reminder of the step system used by all Junior High teachers

Step 1=Warning

Step 2=Student/Teacher conference.

Step 3= Phone call home.

Step 4= Conference with principal or vice principal, and loss of next activity.

Step 5= Office referral.



Class Policy

1. Cell phones must be “off” and left in backpacks. **Texting in class = Red Card**
2. iPad must be charged and brought to class each day.
3. No food, gum, or drinks in class! This includes drinks brought to school in the morning.
4. Come prepared! You will need your iPad, a pencil, pen, and notebook each day.
5. Classwork is due each Friday, even if you are absent. It is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Check your grades and Google Classroom.
6. Pay attention to the instructional modes of the class. (casual, informal, formal)
7. Write in your planner on a daily basis. Don't make me beg!
8. Do not copy or allow anyone to copy homework.
9. Conduct yourself in an appropriate, mature 8th grade manner. *Remember you are in high school next year!*

I have read Mrs. Schmitt's class policies. _____ (Student signature))

Keep this paper in your notebook as a reminder.

Very often I am asked “Do you need anything?” The answer is “Yes”!

If your child would like to donate any of the following items, he/ she will receive 5 extra credit points for each item. (10 point limit)

Things Science teachers could always use....

- Paper Towels
- Sandwich sized baggies
- Gallon sized baggies
- Pack of party balloons
- Play Dough
- Glue Sticks
- Alka-Seltzer- not for me, for labs!
- Food coloring
- Plastic spoons
- Paper plates
- Plastic Bowls
- Hot wheels- used are fine
- Wind up toys-used are fine
- Ping Pong balls
- Double AA batteries
- \$5 Gift cards for supplies (Walmart, Target Etc....)
- White board markers

☐ I have filled out Google Form on Mrs. Schmitt's Website

☐ I have read Science Overview, Absent Policy, and Routines and Procedures.

Parent Signature_____ Student's Name_____