



8th Grade Science Syllabus Los Nietos Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

We want to welcome you and your eighth grader to our Science class. We look forward to working with you and your child and making this an exciting year of learning and academic success. Parent involvement is crucial for supporting student academic growth; it is in our best interest to build a partnership to help your child achieve his/her potential. In order to be successful in class your child will need to bring the following suggested materials to class on a daily basis. If the following items are a problem, please feel free to contact us at school.

Agenda	pencil pouch
Spiral notebook	3-ring binder (at least 2 inch)
2 pencils	2 pens
Ruled paper	dry erase marker
Backpack	

Grading will be based on:

Science – 30% of final grade on Weekly Plans (Class work, participation, etc)
40% of final grade on chapter tests
30% of final grade on science projects

Grading Policy

100 – 90	A
89 – 80	B
79 – 70	C
69 – 60	D
59 and under	F

Science Chapter, Main Idea and

Chapter 1	Motion
Chapter 2	Forces
Chapter 3	Density & Buoyancy
Chapter 11	Our Solar System
Chapter 12	Stars & Galaxies
Chapter 4	Understanding the Atom
Chapter 5	Atoms & Molecules
Chapter 6	States of Matter
Chapter 7	The periodic table & Physical Properties
Chapter 8	Chemical Reactions
Chapter 9	Acids and Bases in Solution
Chapter 10	Chemistry of Living Systems

Science Projects

Home to School Activity
Newton Scooter
Staying Afloat
Solar System Trading Cards
Star Stories
Atomic Structure of the Atom
Molecule Models
A Story of Changes in Matter
Alien Periodic Table
Dirty Jewelry
What Color Does Litmus Paper Turn?

Classroom Rules:

1. Be seated and ready for class when the bell rings.
2. Bring all materials daily (that includes homework)
3. Be positive and respectful at all times.
4. Be on task and follow directions. (Disruptive behavior is not acceptable)
5. No eating or gum chewing allowed. (That includes food or candy)
6. You are responsible for your actions, use good judgment. (No electronic devices)

Academic Honesty: Students are expected to do their own independent work, Refrain from cheating or copying.

Classroom Management (Behavior Plan)

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| 1. Consequence #1 | Verbal Warning |
| 2. Consequence #2 | Change of Seat |
| 3. Consequence #3 | Detention and Parent Notified |
| 4. Consequence #4 and higher | Referral and Parent Notified |

Tardies Being late disrupts the classroom environment. You must be in your assigned seat with materials ready before the bell rings. Repeated tardiness will result in parent contact and lowered participation points.

Homework will be marked as late.

- 1st Tardy – Warning
- 2nd Tardy – Warning
- 3rd Tardy – Detention, letter sent home
- 4th Tardy – Referral to the office, detention letter sent home
- 5th Tardy – Referral to the office, Saturday school, and parent contacted and letter sent home
- 6th Tardy – Referral to the office, Saturday school, and parent contacted and letter sent home
- 7th Tardy – Referral to the office, Saturday school, and parent contacted and letter sent home
- 8th Tardy – Referral to the office, Saturday school, and parent contacted and letter sent home
- 9th Tardy and above – Referral to office, parent contacted, S.A.R.B. hearing

We are determined to make this year a productive and terrific year! We look forward to sharing this year with you and your child. We look forward to a successful and exciting year!