

Welcome to Science At CLMS

Course Syllabus

Topics covered in each grade include but aren't limited to:

Science Category	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Life	Organisms, systems: cell, body & ecosystems.	Classification through Ecosystems	Environmental, animals, bacteria, fungi	Living things, cells and heredity
Earth-Space	Water, weather, Earth & it's resources	Plate Tectonics through Earth, Sun, and Moon	Astronomy, weather, water, geology & climate	Rocks, Minerals, Geologic processes
Physical	Matter: properties & changes and forces	Matter through Thermal & Light Energy	Forces, work, and Motion	Chemistry, electricity, magnetism

Course Requirements:

In order to show an understanding and to successfully complete science classes, you must be respectful, responsible, and safe. Please...

- Come to class prepared everyday with a pencil, text, 3-ring binder and planner. Your textbook must be covered and brought to class everyday unless told otherwise.
- Complete all class work, homework, and lab reports according to directions and by due dates.
- Participate in class discussions & cooperative learning activities, and ask/answer questions appropriate to the day's lesson and activities.
- Maintain an organized notebook (binder).
- Study and prepare for all tests and quizzes.
- Mrs. Jacobs gives one point daily for preparation & positive attitude. Students must write all assignments in their planner (2 points/assignment). Bell Ringer questions are 3 points each and must be done at the beginning of every period. These 3 add up to many points!

Evaluation:

Grading is on a point system. Less than 1/3 of a student's grade will be quizzes and tests. Most of a student's grade will be daily effort. Those students who try every day are those who do best.

Accessing Grades Online:

Connant School District has switched to a new grading program this year. When web address and student accounts are available, we will inform you.

Check your account weekly to stay up to date on your grades. User names and passwords will be available at the front office 814-382-5315.

Make Up Work Policy

Absence:

Out-of-class assignments that were due during your absence should be turned in on the day you return to class. **It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to REQUEST, COMPLETE, and TURN IN assignments you missed.** You should see me before school, during homeroom, or make arrangements to see me after school should you need assistance with missed material. In the event of an extended illness, arrangements will be made to allow for work completion.

Late Work:

You are expected to turn in assignments and projects when they are due. Assignments turned in one day late will receive **half credit**, anything turned after this will receive **NO CREDIT**. Papers that are turned in with no name on them will not be graded and credit will not be received for the assignment.

Need Help:

If you are struggling with the class material please don't wait to ask for help. I am available before school, after school and during homeroom. I ask that if you want to meet before school or after school, please try to give me 24 hours notice so that I may adjust my schedule accordingly.

Extra Credit

We offer extra credit twice during the school year—only at the beginning of the 1st & 3rd terms. Students will receive extra credit for the following items:

1. Classroom supplies – a max of 14 points for any combination of the following:
 - a. Paper Towels (2)
 - b. Reward Candy (2)
 - c. Colored Pencils (2)
 - d. Tissues or hand soap(2)
 - e. Band-Aids (2)

Throughout the semester there will be chances to earn extra points. For example:

- a. students may download and complete any online worksheets that we have not done in class (2 points per worksheet)
- b. read and review a current science news item, video or article and relate it to a current science topic—points vary
- c. complete a science report on a pre-approved topic
- d. Mrs. Jacobs has "science stamps" policy. (See attached sheet.)

Accumulated points will be added at the end of the term. Points cannot be added onto the final exam.