

Aspen Creek Earth Science

Class Guidelines

Welcome to Earth Science. You will have a successful year if you observe the following information and expectations:

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

1. Treat everyone in the classroom with:

- Kindness
- Consideration
- Respect

2. Demonstrate P.R.I.D.E.

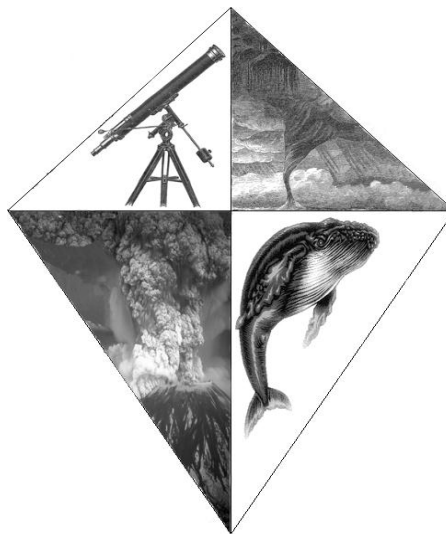
Positive
Responsible
Inclusive
Dependable
Engaged

3. Follow all school rules.

4. Follow all lab safety rules.

5. Dress appropriately.

6. Be curious. Ask questions. Science is built on discovery and experimentation.



GRADING PROCEDURE:

1. Your trimester grade will be based on the following:

- Summative Assessments (50%): tests, end of unit projects, final papers, and practicum exams
- Formative Assessments (35%): projects and assignments that assess standards, quizzes, and labs
- Preparation (15%): Practice assignments

2. Please use Parent Portal to keep up on your current grade and missing assignments.

3. Make arrangements to complete missed lab work after school. It is your responsibility to do the make up work on your own time. *There is class information and experience that cannot be made up from textbook. Please make every effort to be in class every day.*

4. Make every effort to turn in your assignments on time. Late work can adversely affect your grade. If work is not in class when it is due or graded, it is considered late. This includes work left in your locker. No late work will be accepted once the unit is over.

5. Assignments may be redone at teacher's discretion. To redo an assignments see Mr. Flynn for the criteria. Assignments or tests that have been redone will receive the second score, even if you don't improve. If you are not happy with your current grade, it is your responsibility to fix it.

6. Extra credit is available when *all* assignments are turned in. Extra credit is a project-based independent study on an Earth Science standard. You may earn enough extra credit points to raise your *preparation* grade 20 percent. Individuals interested in doing extra credit should see Mr. Flynn.

7. A final note. You have a cumulative final at the end of the year. Make every effort to learn the earth science standards as we go through them so your final trimester grade does not suffer.

CLASS PROCEDURES:

1. Bring needed materials, assignments, student handbook/planner and handouts to class everyday.

2. Please be in your assigned seat before the beginning of the class period.

3. In order to minimize classroom disruption please:

- Use good manners
- Remain seated in your assigned seat unless I give you permission to be up
- Save unrelated discussion for passing period
- During class discussion talk only when it is your turn
- Refrain from making unnecessary noises that could disrupt class

4. Work with a partner or lab group. Sometimes you will pick the groups, sometimes I will pick them for you. The lab report and homework will be your responsibility.

5. A clicker will be assigned to you. Clickers are great tool and can be a lot of fun in the classroom. Please remember four other people share the clicker with you and they are expensive to replace. Please treat the equipment with respect and be sure to return it at the end of the period. Failure to do so will result in loosing the privilege of using the clickers and if you damage the clicker you will be asked to replace it. (\$76.00)

5. When turning in assignments:

- Be sure you have a complete heading on your paper. (name, period, date, assignment title).
- Only use a groovy grading utensil to grade your work, keep all other utensils put away.
- Be honest and fair.
- Be sure your grade is recorded.
- Keep all your assignments.

6. Please help keep the room clean; at the end of the period put all materials away then pick up any trash or stray papers off the floo even if it is not yours. Trash cans and the recycle boxes are located near both doors.

7. To prevent a traffic jam please exit using the north door.

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR SCIENCE CLASS:

1. Folder to keep handouts in.
2. Comp book or Spiral **without perforated pages**. Most of your work will be done in this book. Never tear paper out of this book or it will start to fall apart.
3. Lots of pens and pencils (you will need them both).
4. A groovy grading utensil (not blue or black) **REQUIRED**.
5. Metric ruler (marked in centimeters and millimeters).
6. Book (covered).
7. Lined paper
8. Calculator. (a simple one is okay)*
9. Graph paper. *
10. Colored pencils.*

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Please note that permanent markers and drawing compasses are not allowed in the science classroom.

