

Welcome to 8th grade Science! The units we will cover this year will be Matter, Geology, Genetics, Physics (Newton's Laws), and Astronomy. Consistency and organization are keys to success.

"A": Arrival, Attendance, Absence

- **QUIET** arrival is expected, and be seated by the time the bell rings or may be marked tardy. Once seated, take out your lab book, homework and pencil. Write down the "homework" from the side board.
- **ABSENCES:** There are no make-up labs. You are responsible for any missed material when you return from being absent. Please email or see me about any missing work. If you are absent on test day, you will be expected to take the test on the day that you return. Homework that was due the day you were absent, will be expected to be turned in by you on the day that you return from being absent.

"B": Behavior, Books (lab), Bathroom,

- **NO GUM!!! NO FOOD!! NO PERFUME ALLOWED!! ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED!!**
- **Be** prepared every day with **colored pencils, glue sticks, lab book, and pencil**. I will provide materials if you cannot provide these daily necessary materials. Please bring your lab book everyday.
- **Behavior. Be** respectful in this classroom. There will be no running, pushing, bullying, throwing objects. Misbehaving will lead to consequences, such as a phone call home, lunch detention, and/or after school detention.
- **Lab books:** You must write in **PENCIL ONLY**.
- **Bathroom:** you must ask permission, and sign out and sign back in properly.

"C": Communication, Check grades, Cheating:

Email itoal@lvjUSD.k12.ca.us

website is <http://www.mstoal.com>

- **Check my website when you are absent. Communicate** by email when absent.
- **Check** your grades regularly. Late class work will lose 50% of possible points. Late homework will not be accepted. (absent work is not late work). Any **missing work** will be "zeroed out" at the end of each trimester and will not be accepted. Please do your work and stay on task. See me when you need help.
- **Cheating or copying** will result in a detention.

"D" Departure, Deadlines:

- I will only **dismiss** the class when everyone is in their seats.
- No one can be seated for dismissal until all lab equipment is cleaned and returned appropriately. Dry up any area that is wet. All items on the floor under and around your seating area - whether it is YOURS OR NOT, must be cleaned before departure.
- **Deadlines:** you are not allowed to turn in work after deadlines. Deadlines will be posted in the class and on my website.

"E": Electronics; extra credit, etc

- **CELL PHONES** are NOT allowed. They must be turned off and remain in your backpack.
- **Extra Credit:** it is rarely given. I advise you to do it when it is offered.

DONATIONS: Please read back page regarding donations for you child's science class.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: Bring this form signed by your parent. 10 points (check the boxes!)

- I have read this with my child and we understand it.
- I am aware of the daily materials that I need to bring to my science class.
(labbook/coloredpencils/gluesticks)
- I know that Ms Toal's email is itoal@lvjUSD.k12.ca.us
- I know Ms Toal's website is <http://www.mstoal.com>
- I have included a voluntary donation towards my child's science class.

Parent : Date and sign here _____

We need your help to make this year an exciting one in science!

For students to fully benefit from a science class we create hands-on labs and projects. Unfortunately projects are expensive any support to cover purchasing consumable supplies for a large number and variety of activities would be greatly appreciated. Please read the formal donation request on the back side of the handout. Please circle your if your form or donation is: cash check (make payable to EAMS)