

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

"A": Arrival, Attendance, Absence

- QUIET arrival is expected. Be seated before the bell rings. Once seated, take out your planner, lab book, homework and sharpened pencil. Write down the "homework" section from the front board.
- **ABSENCES:** There are no make-up labs. If absent for a lab, you will receive "na" as a grade - which means no points are lost or gained. You are responsible for any missed concepts/classwork when you return from being absent. Please see me about missed work at lunch or after school.

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

- NO GUM!!! NO FOOD!! NO PERFUME ALLOWED!! ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED!!
- **The Dolphin Way:** Be Safe, Be Respectful. Be Responsible
- **Lab books:** You must write in **PENCIL ONLY**. Be prepared to learn every day.
- **Bathroom:** use the bathroom at breaks/lunch. You must ask permission, sign out/sign in correctly.

"C": Communication, Check grades, Cheating:

Email itoal@lvjUSD.org

Website <http://www.mstoal.com>

- check my website when you are absent.
- **Communicate** by email through school loop when absent. **Check** your grades regularly.
- **Grades:** about 800 points per trimester*. Labs (20-25 pts), homework (10 pts), quizzes (30-45 pts), projects (100-150), unit tests (about 150 pts). (*varies)
- Cheating or copying will result in immediate consequence. Anyone cheating will receive a zero.

"D" Departure, Dry up, 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.
- All items on the floor around your seat, whether it is YOURS OR NOT, must be cleaned before departure.
- **Deadlines:** Late homework is not accepted for credit. Projects lose 10% for each day late. Deadline will be posted on the whiteboard, Schoolloop and on my website.

"E": Electronics; extra credit, etc

- Do not take out your **Chromebooks** until instructed to do so.
- **CELL PHONES** are NOT allowed. They must be turned off and remain in your backpack. If I find your phone out/being used, it will be brought to the office for a cell phone violation.
- **Extra Credit:** it is rarely given. I advise you to do it when it is offered.

DONATIONS: If you would like to contribute to this class, it would be highly appreciated. For students to fully benefit from a science class we offer many hands-on labs and projects. Unfortunately projects are expensive, such as covering purchases of consumable supplies for a large number and variety of activities. We are requesting a **voluntary tax deductible donation of \$20.00** from each student to cover costs. Donations can be made via the Webstore on the EAMS website. **This money will directly be used for our science classes.** I will provide the daily disposable classroom materials that will be used throughout the year (such as lab books, pencils, colored pencils, scissors, erasers, tape, etc). Materials will stay in classroom (except lab books).

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 that my child needs bring to their lab book to science class every day.
- I know that Ms Toal's email is itoal@lvjUSD.org and her website is <http://www.mstoal.com>

Parent : Date and sign here _____