

Course Overview: 7A Science with Mrs. Esposito

Welcome to 7A Science with Mrs. Esposito.

The only way this journey will be successful for you is if you are actively engaged in class. This means paying attention, participating in lab activities and class discussions, completing assignments, and respecting the ability of others to do the same.

Class Expectations:

Notebook: Each student is required to keep a 3-ring notebook for science class. All handouts, notes, homework, lab activities, graphs, tests and quizzes will be kept in the notebook. As each page is added, it will be numbered and recorded on a table of contents sheet. This notebook will be checked and graded periodically. Since we do not have a science textbook, the notebook is the most important tool for you. Organization will be a necessity! A current list of the notebook organization and contents can be found on my website under the "Notebook" tab.

Absence: Work missed during absences must be completed within the number of days as stated in the Louisville City School's Board policy.

It is the student's responsibility to consult the 7A Science website to learn about the activities missed in class.

Step 1: Go to the tab labeled "Calendar" and find the week that includes any days you were absent. Carefully read the Daily Class Activities to see what happened while you were absent. Be sure to identify any papers, activities, notes, etc. that we covered. YES... You need to complete all of these activities.

Step 2: Go to the tab labeled "Notes" and find the date that you were absent. Read the notes that are posted, and add them to the appropriate place in your notebook.

Step 3: Find any papers you missed in the red file crate on the counter in the classroom. Add these to the correct order in your notebook and be sure to complete. Turn in, if necessary.

Step 4: Double check what you read on the calendar to determine if you need to submit any assignments to Mrs. Esposito.

This may be done from home or school. Mrs. Esposito will assume that you have done so, and expect the missing work to be turned in within the required days. It is also assumed that the notebook will be up to date.

Late or missing assignments: All class work is to be completed and turned in on time. Any late work will be accepted up to 10 days late, and its point value is decreased by 10% for each day that it is late. After 5 days, the value is held at 50% for the remaining 5 school days. Work must still be completed to earn credit in the notebook.

Behavior: All of the Community 7A rules apply in the science classroom in addition to the Lab Safety rules that will be explained prior to each activity. My goal is for you to learn science, but safety must come first! Participation in lab investigations is a privilege. Any

action that interferes with the safety of yourself or others will require you to leave the activity, receive an appropriate consequence, and lose the privilege to participate in future activities. Alternate assignments will be created for you.

Respect for equipment: Students are not permitted to touch any equipment in the room until instructed to do so. This includes equipment sitting out on counters, in display cases, the SMART Board, and items on the teacher's desk. Drawers and cupboards are not to be opened unless a student is asked to do so. Equipment must be used for its intended purpose and in the manner demonstrated by the teacher.

The shower at the back of the room is a necessary safety feature in the case that chemicals or fire should require its use. However, pulling the lever and unnecessarily activating the shower would result in a huge mess and possible damage to property. Understand that choosing to do so would result in **automatic discipline. There is no such thing as an "accidental pull"!**

Group work: Working in groups is a constructive method of learning and is utilized in the Science classroom for lab activities and projects. The teacher believes that group work should occur within the classroom where the teacher can observe the dynamics of the group, and ensure that each student's grade accurately reflects his or her contribution to the project.

Content areas to be covered in 7th Grade Science:

Energy Forms and Energy Transfer
Cycles of Matter and Energy in the Earth System
Populations Affected by Biotic and Abiotic Factors

Communication:

-The easiest way for me to communicate with parents in a timely fashion is through e-mail.

My address is: esposito@louisville.sparcc.org

-You can receive helpful text message reminders by subscribing to **Remind**. This is a way to get reminders about class without sharing cell phone numbers. I promise that I do not use it in excess. To do so, simply text the message *@mrsepos* to (480) 428-2539.

-Conferences may be scheduled through the guidance office. Our 7A conference time is from 2:40 – 3:00 PM.

I encourage parents to use my website because I keep my *Daily Class Activities* and *Notes* current. The website address is:

< <http://www.lepnet.sparcc.org/hck/cgi-bin/homepage.pl?id=esposito>>

This sheet is required to remain in the student notebook for reference for the entire year. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you this year. I'm excited about the progress we can make together.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Esposito

