**Your Science GRADE**

**Your grade:** There are four grading categories;

10% **Daily Participation and Preparedness**

30% **Notebook** (Bellwork, Notes, HW, CW)

20% **Productive Group Work Outcome** (a.k.a. Group Labs or Group Projects)

40% **Essential Question(s) Individual Assessments (Quiz)**

**10% Being prepared:** I expect students to be prepared and to participate. Each student must have the following each day for the daily material check:

1. *Up-to-date* Science Composition Notebook
2. Sharpened pencils every day.
3. Glue Stick (to glue any homework into the Composition Notebook)
4. Colored pencils, Markers, Flash-drive in a pencil pouch (for completing our productive group work outcomes)
5. 2 folders are also required.
   1. (one for Homework- includes Loose leaf paper)
   2. One to store all Science work (this can be in a three ring binder or it can be a single plastic pocket folder)
6. Digital textbooks on their own personal technology device are encouraged.
7. Any HW or Classwork they are supposed to have

Let me know if you need assistance in obtaining these materials.

**30% Notebook**: The science composition notebook will be used for Bellwork, Homework, Notes, and Classwork. Students will need a glue stick to glue any worksheets into this notebook. They will also need an additional plastic pocket folder or binder section for any work that doesn’t fit into the Notebook.

* + Bellwork Every day the student will copy the daily 1. content purpose (what they should learn and understand when that day’s lesson has been completed), the 2. Language purpose statement (what vocabulary they will need to learn or use that day), and the 3. productive group work outcome (what meaningful collaborative work task students will complete that day).
  + Notes: Students will take notes in their notebook from the lessons presented by the teacher
  + Homework Homework will typically consist of reading a chapter in the text to reinforce learning and answering review style questions from the text or from a worksheet, studying the essential questions for a quiz, or occasionally finishing a productive group work outcome not completed during class. Since I check notebooks every Thursday for completeness, *homework is technically “due” on Thursdays.* However, students should make sure to complete all work on time if they wish to make the best of their learning experience. If a student is absent on a Thursday, they should make sure to show me the make-up work after class on the first day of their return to school. No late homework will be accepted after a quiz is taken on the material. Otherwise, 10 points will be subtracted for each day the notebook section is incomplete after the Thursday it was initially checked (including weekend days). *Example: Notebook is due Thursday, December 6th at the beginning of class. The student turns in the assignment anytime on Friday, December 7th. The highest grade for the weekly notebook would be a 90%.*
  + Classwork: This may be foldables, practice worksheets, or charts completed together in class. Loose papers are to be glued into the composition notebook when possible, or placed in the science folder (in the case of a larger stapled packet, for example).

**20%Productive group outcome**: Students will work in small groups in class to demonstrate their ability to express the knowledge they learned in the lesson. Students may complete a lab, activity, or assignment together.

**40% Quizzes** Individual assessments will be on the essential questions for each chapter. All of these essential questions are available now online on the 2012-2013 Instructional Focus Calendar, so you can see what is going to be on every quiz from now until the end of the year.

**Checking your grades online:** You can use Crosspoint, Sarasota County’s online gradebook to check grades using your own personal password. Please keep in mind that this is simply a tool for parent and student use and grades are subject to change. Since grades still have to be manually entered into the database by the teacher once he or she has had a chance to grade the assignment, grade calculations aren’t instantaneous and take time.