

# Ready, Responsible, & Respectful

Garry Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Science Syllabus

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## Supplies Needed:

Students need to bring their school issued computer with them every day to class. All assignments will be made digitally available on our Microsoft Teams page, but paper copies can be made available upon request.

## Cell Phones:

Cell phone can be an amazing tool, but can also be a huge distraction. I am hoping to incorporate cell phones into some lessons in hopes of teaching appropriate times to use them in class such as taking a photo of notes, using as a calculator/stopwatch or looking something up. For more information about the school policy on cell phones, please see the student handbook located in their planner.

## Ms. Niemi's Classroom Expectations

1. Come prepared for class everyday.
2. Respect the speaker.
3. Be an active listener.
4. Be kind. Always.
5. Best effort.

## Consequences:

Everything you do in life, good or bad, results in a consequence. There are very few rules in science class, so I expect you to follow them. By 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students are expected to know how to behave appropriately; however, consequences will be issued when necessary.

## Ms. Niemi's Grading Policy:

Grades will be based on the number of points earned over the course of each quarter. I am very intentional about assigning little to no homework; however, if you choose not to use class time well or don't finish an assignment during class, then you will definitely have homework. Here are a few notes about grading:

- Participation is expected from every student from using class time wisely to asking questions. If you are on the borderline of a grade at Quarter/Semester, I will take into consideration your participation and effort in class
- Our entry task is called the "Daily Learning Opportunity" or DLO - will be worth two (2) points every day or ten (10) points per week. If you are absent, please make sure to get the DLO you missed from a classmate. DLOs are the EASIEST way to cushion your grade!
- Labs and activities are typically worth the most points in class, so make sure you take the time to complete them thoroughly
- Once a semester has ended, I will not accept any work from that semester. Everything must be turned in before the end of that grading period

Percentage	Letter Grade
93-100	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
60-66	D
Below 60	F

## Late or Missing Work

Missing work will be put in the gradebook as a zero until it's turned in. The zero is only put in the gradebook as a reminder to turn in the assignment. I will accept all missing assignments until the end of the grading period.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Science Content:

- Unit 1: Science and Measurement
- Unit 2: Motion and Force

- Unit 3: Work and Energy
  - Unit 4: Matter and Energy
  - Unit 5: Atoms, Elements, and Compounds
  - Unit 6: Changes in Matter
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I have read the preceding document and agree with the expectations, consequences, and guidelines. Please print and sign below then turn into Ms. Niemi.

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Print Student Name

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Print Parent/Guardian Name

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Signature: Student Name

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Signature: Parent/Guardian Name

Thank you for sharing your student with me this year. I look forward to an awesome year of learning! If you have any questions or concerns at any time during the year, please feel free to contact me anytime! (Email is the best way to get in touch with me)