



Welcome to Seventh Grade Science



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

I hope you enjoyed your summer. Before I get into the specifics of what will be expected of you, let me introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Clark and this is my seventh year teaching science at Windsor Knolls Middle School. In fall 2011, I completed my student teaching in Anne Arundel County, and graduated in December from Salisbury University. After graduating I was a substitute teacher for Anne Arundel County. I have enjoyed my time working in Frederick County and working with the wonderful Windsor Knoll's community.

In order for us all to have the best year possible, full of positive and interesting learning experiences, certain expectations regarding behavior and supplies have been put into place. The best way for us to have a successful and fun time is for EVERYONE to take these expectations seriously.

Behavior Expectations

We will be continuing the implementation of a school wide PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) program this year, as well as our Olweus program. The following expectations will help each student achieve success while in any classroom setting.

P (Performance) Be on task.
Complete all assignments and submit them on time.
Do your best.

A (Attendance) Be physically and mentally present.
Arrive on time.
Be prepared for class.

W (Winning Attitude) Come ready to learn.
Make an effort, not an excuse.
Accept consequences for your actions.

S (Service) Be an active classroom community member.
Work with others to bring about positive change.

Simply put, use common sense and follow instructions. As a reminder these expectations are posted in the classroom.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Windsor Knolls Middle School is continuing the Bring Your Own Device Program (BYOD). In Science class, the expectation is that the any student device is off and away unless directed to use it by the teacher for an educational related activity.

Supply Expectations

1. 1 full sized 1-subject notebook (Five Star or the like – smaller spirals and/or composition notebooks are too small for our interactive notebooks.)
2. 3 glue sticks
3. 1 roll of transparent (scotch) tape
4. 1 pair of scissors
5. 1 pack of colored pencils
6. 1 plastic folder just for Science
7. 1 pack of filler paper

8. 1 agenda
9. Any special materials needed for a specific topic and/or activity – including, but not limited to rulers/calculators. Advance notice will be given when you need to bring these materials to class with you and some may be available in the classroom for your use.

NOTEBOOKS WILL BE COLLECTED AND STORED IN THE ROOM FOR USE

Homework

Homework will be assigned an average of once a week. The type and amount of homework will depend on the topic currently being covered and may be more frequent some weeks and less frequent others. Homework will be posted on the board, and I will also be using Homework Hotline, which can be accessed through the WKMS homepage. Homework will not exceed 10% of the total grade for each quarter.

Absent from school or class

Students who are absent from school or class are reminded to check the Missed Work drawers in my classroom to find out what work was missed. You have the number of days you were absent to make up any missed work. Copies of missed work are available in the classroom; however it is **YOUR** responsibility to pick it up, complete it, and come to me if you have any questions.

Online Information

If you would like to see updates on education and scientific discoveries, or what we are doing in class, you can follow me on twitter at MrsKelseyClarkWKMS, Instagram at Mrs.ClarkWKMS. To access your child's grades, you must login to Home Access Center. Grades on Home Access Center (HAC) will be updated at least once a week. If you would like to see an electronic copy important class documents (syllabus, grading policy, etc.), you can find this at MsKelseyDonaldson.Weebly.Com

Extra Help

Please see me if you are confused about something or feel you need extra help. In addition to in-school tutoring during ELT (Extended Learning Time), and the extra help resources located on my website, I am more than willing to meet with you immediately after school for help – as long as I know at least **one day** ahead of time and I do not have a scheduled conflict. I will make every effort to send an email every 1-2 weeks outlining upcoming activities and labs as well as updating a calendar on my Weebly with important dates. This is a great resource if you are absent and unsure of what you missed, or if you are not sure what to study for an upcoming assessment.

Again, I would like to welcome you to seventh grade Science. It is my hope that this year will be a great experience for all those involved. By working together and keeping the lines of communication open, I am confident this will happen. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at (240) 236-5017 or Kelsey.Clark@fcps.org.

Here's to a great year!

Mrs. Clark