**Elizabeth Cobb Middle School**

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**Course Title: Comprehensive Science 3 Teacher\_\_\_Maureen M. Parrott**

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**Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to provide opportunities to study the concepts of Science from the 8th grade curriculum and their applications through exploratory investigations and activities. Students will explore these concepts by using the basic skills of observing, measuring, calculating, classifying, predicting, inferring, graphing, creating data tables, and communicating. Students will also utilize these basic skills to learn how to pose questions, form operational definitions, develop hypotheses, control variables, interpret data and graphs, make models, draw conclusions, and design experiments.

**Learning Outcomes for the Course**

* The Practice of Science
* Earth-Sun-Moon System
* Solar System and the Universe
* Intro into Matter
* Solids, Liquids, & Gases
* Atoms and the Periodic Table
* Chemical Reactions
* Organisms, Energy, & Matter

You can find a comprehensive list of benchmarks covered throughout this course by going to the website: <http://www.floridastandards.org/Standards/FLStandardSearch.aspx> and searching under the subject of science for grades 6th ,7th, and 8th.

**Daily Materials** (basic supplies needed)

\*Pencil or Pen to write \*Notebook paper

\*Agenda book \*\*2 - Composition books(bound, no spiral please)(1 for Fall, 1 for Spring)

**Lab Fee:** This course has a $5.00 lab fee that will be used to purchase consumable lab supplies. Students unable to pay the lab fee will NOT be penalized in any way.

**Textbook:**

 Pearson Elevate Science (Course 3) textbook will be kept in the classroomand used in class and online textbook will be accessible from home through ClassLink. Cost of a replacement book is $29.97.

**Grading:**

Assessments(quizzes,tests,projects,labs) 70%

Class work/ Homework 30%

**Grading Scale Grading Criteria**

*Scholastic Citizenship\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­*

A 90-100 Outstanding Conduct 4

B 80-89 Satisfactory Conduct 3

C 70-79 Conduct Needs Improvement 2

D 60-69 Unsatisfactory Conduct 1

F 0-59

* Retakes of class assessments scoring below 70%mwill be decided on a case-by-case basis. Any retake grade will be averaged with the initial grade. Grades will be posted online every two weeks. Students and parents may access student grades from the Cobb website at <http://www.cobb.leon.k12.fl.us>
* Cheating on Tests/Quizzes/Homework automatically receives a 0% grade (NO Exceptions)
* Assignments for the entire week are posted on the board every Monday and remain on the board the entire week. Students are expected to copy the assignments into the agenda book. Parents please see my website for the agenda online. Due dates for major tests/projects are posted at least one week in advance and sent out on Remind.
* Interactive Science Notebooks (ISNs) will be used throughout the school year. ISNs are graded every week for classwork/homework. Once pages have been graded, students cannot make up the missing pages, as they have had time between ISN checks to complete any late work. I encourage students to keep their ISN in the classroom. Missing or lost ISNs will have to be redone with all of the missing work redone and completed.

**Makeup Work:**

\*Missed work must be completed, as the student is still responsible for the information covered. Acquiring and completing makeup work is the student’s responsibility, as is making arrangements to make-up tests, quizzes, labs, etc. (Please check the blue ISN bin on the side of the room for work missed or check my website) In compliance with Leon County School Board Policy, students will receive 2 days for every 1-day of absence to complete class work/homework. If the absence occurs when a test or quiz is given the student is expected to take it the day of their return. If the absence occurred on a test review day, the student is still expected to take the test/quiz if they return on test/quiz day.

**Help Sessions**

Help Sessions will be every **Wednesday from 8:45-9:20 in room 14**. If there is a change to this day due to circumstances, I will let students know in advance. Please encourage students to see me if we need to accommodate time conflicts. Students will need to secure a pass from me to enter the building for help sessions.

**Conduct Expectations & Class Rules**

TARDINESS: You are expected to be in your desk with the required materials and completing your warm-up activity. If you come in tardy, quietly sign in on the tardy book at the front table and quietly take your seat. The Cobb Tardy Policy will be used to deal with classroom tardies.

1st tardy – Student Conference

2nd tardy – Parent Contact

3rd tardy – Lunch Detention

4th tardy – Disciplinary Referral

Expectations:

I expect all students to make good choices in my class. Students managing themselves are more likely to succeed in my class. If you have trouble managing yourself (for example, talking/using electronics when a lesson is being taught, getting out of your seat without permission, talking loudly) the following consequences will be applied:

1st – Verbal Warning

2nd – Conference with the student &/or Seat Change

3rd – Time Out with another Teacher &/or Parent Phone Call

4th - Detention & Parent Phone Call

5th - Referral

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_