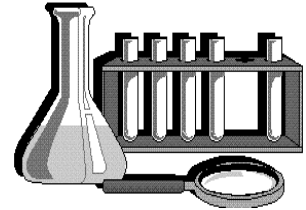


Dear Parents/Guardians,

"Essential Elements of Science"

Welcome to a new year at Smith Jr. High, and welcome to the team. The 9th grade science teachers are serious about the success of your child, but it takes a team effort in order for your child to reach his/her full potential. The team consists of your child, you, and the teacher. If we all work together—if we each do our part—we can make this a truly rewarding year for your child in science.



It is generally most helpful to everyone if roles are defined so members know what they can count on from the rest of the team. Here are the basic tasks proposed for each team member:

Teacher:

- Provide exceptional learning activities
- Monitor student progress and assess performance
- Give feedback regularly and often to parents & student
- Create and maintain a classroom atmosphere conducive to maximum learning
- Provide tutoring as needed (times available are posted in classroom)

Student:

- Attend class every day you possibly can
- If you must be absent, make up work immediately.
- Bring all student supplies to class each day
- Be actively and appropriately engaged in class for the entire period
- Always do Quality Work: completely finished, the best you can do, on time
- Accept responsibility for your actions and possible consequences

Parent:

- Emphasize the importance of daily attendance
- If your child must be absent, monitor completion of make-up work
- Provide student supplies (listed on back) and regularly replenish, as needed*
- Check the student planner for the current average every Friday
- If average is dropping, ask student to show you completed assignments on a daily basis until average improves
- For specific class information, see the "Classroom Guidelines for Essential Elements of Science" which your child is required to keep in his/her notebook

In order for our team to reach our goal, your child must succeed in this science class. Working together, we can make that happen. Let's make this a winning year—for all the team members! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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*If purchasing supplies provides a financial hardship for your family, please have your child speak to his/her teacher privately

Student Supplies for “Essential Elements of Science”:

Notebook paper

Pencils

Planner (1st one provided by school)

Calculator (+, -, x, ÷)

Colored pencils

Ruler

Red pen

Paper (or plastic) notebook with pockets and clips

One section in a 3-ring binder