**Mrs. Moore’s 7th Grade Science 2012-2013**

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Parents,

I am very happy to have your child in my science class this year. We will be learning about living things. Students will not receive a textbook this year. We have a class set and will be using AMSTI manuals for the most part. For this reason, keeping up with the science notebook will be very important. The required spiral notebook will be the student’s “Survival Guide”. Everything needed for tests and other assessments will be in the notebook. Class lessons will include many hands-on activities with an emphasis on cooperative learning which will require appropriate behavior with students following rules and procedures.

Materials required:

* **Spiral notebook**/ at least 100 pages with a plastic cover for durability (at least 8 ½” x 11” page dimensions)
* If the spiral notebook does not have a pocket in it, a pocket folder will be needed.
* Sharpened or mechanical pencil and a blue/black ink pen
* Colored pencils
* Additional loose-leaf paper

Additional items students may want to have:

* Personal glue stick or tape
* Pencil sharpener
* Calculator

How grades are computed:

* Assessments (Tests, Quizzes, Labs, Projects) 60%
* Classwork/ Homework/ Participation Grades 30%
* Nine Weeks Exam 10%

Additional help:

Please encourage your child to ask for help if it is needed. I am available to give one-on-one assistance before or after school on days when I do not have duty. Please make arrangements with me when needed so that I can include tutoring time in my schedule.