

FIRST LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Last year we laid a strong foundation in our discovery of everything science. This year, our goal is step into more discovery and further our inquiry. Adequately titled, "Putting the Pieces Together", we'll focus on your comprehension and thoughtful focus of the world around you. We'll use technology to compete with one another as we examine life from the microscopic to the macroscopic. In the lab mastering scientific tools and participating with hands-on activities, this is not your average science class. If you agree, "science is everything" this is the class for you!

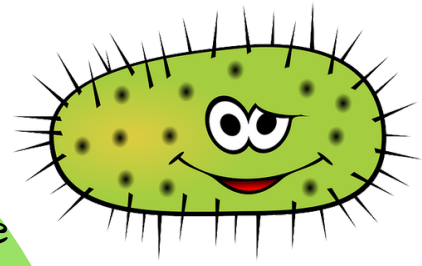
My goal is to create a learning environment where you will:

- ~Develop a Stronger Science Vocabulary
- ~Make Connections among Science and other Academic Areas
- ~Utilize Technology to Learn More about Science
- ~Strengthen Critical Thinking Skills
- ~Enjoy Learning in Bite-Size Morsels



I believe science is an extremely engaging and interesting subject. Science increases awareness and knowledge of our world, and opens doors to new and exciting discoveries. I am excited to spend this time with you!

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Student Expectations

As a "lover of learning", I empathize with those who strive to learn from every experience. And while this is not a fondness that every student shares, I do understand. However, science can be challenging at times, which is why I ask 2 simple tasks of my students:

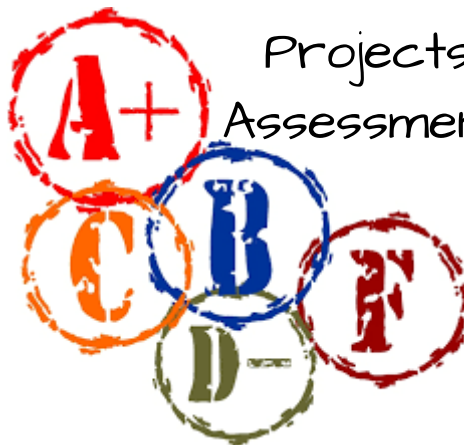
1. BE READY for Learning: bring an open-mind to learn, willingness to try and supplies (pen, paper, etc.) needed to demonstrate your awareness.
2. BE RESPECTFUL: to one another, to your teachers, to our learning environment and to yourself.

Grading Policy

Your grades will be calculated using the point system.

Grading Scale:

- A = 90-100
- B+ = 87-89
- B = 80-86
- C+ = 75-84
- C = 70-76
- D = 60-69
- F = Below 60



Graded Tasks*

- Lesson Quizzes..... 30points
- Vocabulary Quizzes..... 20 points
- Labs..... 25-75 points
- Projects..... 100-300 points
- Assessments..... 150-300 points

*Additional assignments may be created as needed.

One huge exciting addition to this year's learning... More hands-on experiences!

This is my plan! However, there have been unfortunate situations that limit this enjoyable experience for everyone.

This school year, the FLS discipline policy to include the "Marks System" will be strictly enforced. Parent Communication will still be a tool that I will wholeheartedly utilize.

Students, please remember these 2 essential sentiments:

1. School, learning and participating is never a punishment, you are here to shape your minds and thoughts towards your own personal greatness.

2. Each teacher, each mentor and authority figure in your learning community, is HERE because we believe in you and want to support you in your acquisition of your greatness. This is a team effort and it starts

with

YOU!



Let's have a great year of learning and fun!