Ms. Graham

6th Grade Science

Welcome to 6th grade Science. This year will be a new experience for both students and parents. Feel free to contact us. We would like to help make the transition to middle school as easy as possible.

Contact Information:

Email: [agraham@tcss.net](mailto:agraham@tcss.net)

Class Materials:

3 ring binder/ fill with paper

3 dividers ( Q.O.D, Classwork, Grades )

Pencils/sharpener

Red pen

highlighter

We will start the year as soon as the children step foot in my classroom.

Day 1—Introduction and Scientific Method Notes

Day 2—The Scientific Method

Day 3—Review and Scientific Method Test

*What are the test like?????*

Science is not a memorization of facts, it is the learning and synthesizing of information.

Students will be required to study and learn information in order to put two or more concepts together and answer questions. This is not a process that our students are used to implementing. Rather, they are used to memorizing a list of facts and then having a test that is word for word the same facts and they simply have to fill in the blank or match the correct answer. The test they take this year cannot be passed by simply memorizing their notes. They have to **learn** their notes. This means they must listen in class and study at home.

Homework:

***NIGHTLY***

Nightly homework is to study that days notes 15 to 20 minutes.

If a student expects success…they must put effort into learning the information.

***RARELY***

Rarely will students have worksheet homework in my class.

How to help your child…..

About mid-week I will post all notes for the week at my HCMS link.

To access the link

* Go to HCMS web page
* Go to Faculty
* Click on *Andrea Graham*
* Click on *Files, Form, Documents*
* You will see the posted information for the week
* Feel free to print off/ compare to your students notes

If your child is absent,….

Help them be **PROACTIVE** by **accessing** the link and getting their

missed notes.

Help them be **ACCEPTING** of the fact thatif they do not access them

online, they will be **responsible** for copying them from another student

outside of class time.

Help them be **TEACHABLE** by helping them realize they must **study and learn** the

information.

Help them be **SUCCESSFUL** by holding them accountable for the effort they are

required to put into learning the information. This means being attentive and

participating in class as well as personal study time.

Sign up for our class **REMIND.** The information is going home with message on the first

day of school. I will post all assignments and Assessments on Remind.

Allow your student to take advantage of any after school review sessions that are

offered.

What will your child be studying?????

1st Term: Weather and Climate

2nd Term: Plate Tectonics

3rd Term: Planetary Systems

4th Term: Sun, Moon, Earth.

Assessments:

The 1st test-The Scientific Method Test- will go home so parents can see an example of

the analytical type of question that the students will have on test throughout the year.

All other Assessments will be multiple choice and will come directly from Mastery

Connect, a testing system that is used by our county. These tests will not go home, but

the answer documents will be given back to the students with the grade on the test.

Mini-Q’s are 4 questions and worth 20 points

Comes from Notes

Mini-T’s are 10 questions and worth 50 points

Comes from Notes

End of Term Exams are 30 questions and worth 100 points

Comes from Q.O.D’s ( Questions of the Day)

Please send me an email @ [agraham@tcss.net](mailto:agraham@tcss.net) so I will have an email on file for your student. On the Subject line, please list the students first and last name and the period they are in my class.

Remember…We Are PATS

**Proactive , Accepting, Teachable, and Successful**