

Science : 5th

HELLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

2019-2020 Course Syllabus

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About Me

- ✓ My name is Katie Southard and this will be my first year teaching at Bartelso Elementary. I graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with my Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education along with my Middle School Science & Math endorsements.
- ✓ Most of my free time is taken up by coaching volleyball and taking my dog on adventures. This coming volleyball season will be my eighth year of coaching and I couldn't ask for a better hobby. I have two adopted fur babies, Grizzly (my adventurous doggo) and Louie (my.....cat?).
- ✓ I can't wait to get this year started and to get to explore everything science with you!

Supplies

An important part of middle school is developing effective organizational strategies and habits.

The following tools are recommended to help keep you organized:

- ✓ Textbook
- ✓ Notebook for daily notes
- ✓ Agenda
- ✓ 10 pocket folder
- ✓ Sharpened pencils
- ✓ Highlighter



Some of my Favorite Things:

- Food: BLT's (minus the T) & Salads
- Restaurants: Chick-Fil-A, CBW, McAlister's
- Drink: Sweet Tea
- Color: Mint Green
- Stores: Target, Old Navy, Hobby Lobby
- Sport: Volleyball
- Anything animal related ☺

Units of Study

- ✓ Cells and Kingdoms
- ✓ Parents and Offspring
- ✓ Interactions in Ecosystems
- ✓ Ecosystems and Biomes
- ✓ Kinds of Matter
- ✓ ISA state testing review

Homework and Extra Credit

- ✓ Homework will be assigned most nights to review the concepts covered in class. Students will usually have time at the end of each class to finish their assignment if they use their time wisely.
- ✓ Bonus questions will be provided on most quizzes and tests for students to earn extra points. Extra credit will also be awarded on projects if seen fit and the student provides more than the required material.

Late work and Absent Policy

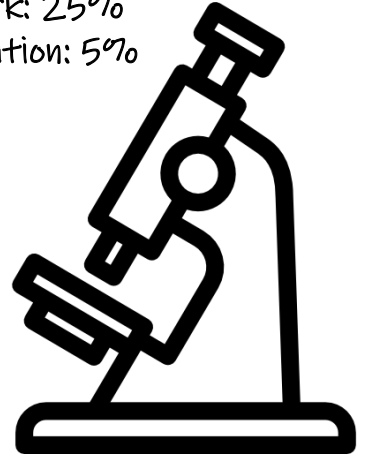
- ✓ If an assignment is not completed by class time, students will have to sit out recess until it is completed. The assignment will also be deducted by a letter grade after it is graded.
- ✓ If a student is absent, they will have one day, per day they missed to makeup their work.

Rewards

- ✓ Each student will be given a punch card and will be given punches based on good behavior, showing responsibility, and being a good classmate.
- ✓ Once their card has 10 punches, they can get a prize out of the prize bin.

Grading

- ✓ Tests and Projects: 40%
- ✓ Quizzes and inclass work: 30%
- ✓ Homework: 25%
- ✓ Participation: 5%



Expectations

✓ Be Prepared

Come to class on time. This means being in your seat at the start time, focused and ready to learn with the necessary supplies.

✓ Be Respectful

Respect yourself and others. Respect our class time and our materials.

✓ Do Your Best

Be responsible for your learning; work hard and do your best. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

- Nelson Mandela