

Science : 8th

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!

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 ☺

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



Units of Study

- ✓ Clues to Earth's Past
- ✓ Geologic Time
- ✓ Minerals & Rocks & Geologic Changes
- ✓ Environmental Impacts
- ✓ Motion and Energy
- ✓ Sound and Light
- ✓ The Solar System, Stars, & Galaxies

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

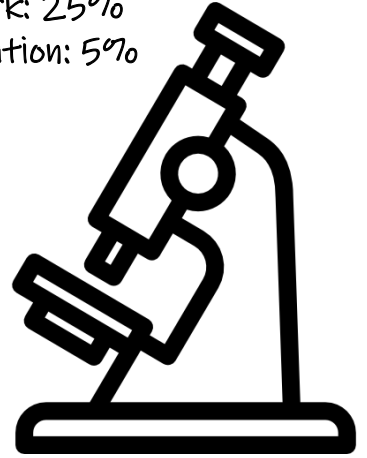
- ✓ If an assignment is not completed by class time, students will have to sit out recess until it is completed. The assignment will also be deducted by a letter grade after it is graded.
- ✓ If a student is absent, they will have one day, per day they missed to makeup their work.

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

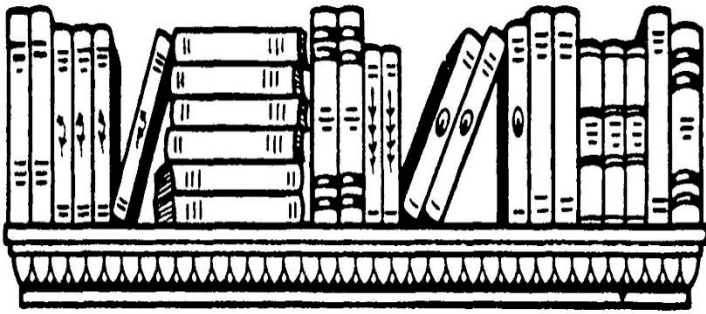
Be responsible for your learning; work hard and do your best. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

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

- Nelson Mandela

Literature

- ✓ Weekly Silent Reading Checks: Students will write a brief summary of what they had read during the week & provide the page numbers read.
- ✓ Quarter Book Talks: Students will be required to give a book talk to the class about the novel they chose once a quarter.
- ✓ ****Students must read The Hunger Games during the 1st or 2nd quarter.****



Health

- ✓ Lessons 1-2 times per week. Assessment will be given at the end of the chapter. Study guide given and two days of review before assessment.
- ✓ Topics covered:
 - Mental & Emotional Health
 - Family and Social Health
 - Violence & injury Prevention
 - Alcohol, Tobacco, & Drugs

Spelling

- ✓ Spelling words will be sent home every Friday for the following week. These words are also their vocabulary words and they will be tested over knowing the meaning.
- ✓ Homework will be given on Monday's and will be due anytime before the test. Tests will be on Thursdays each week.
- ✓ Grading:
 - Tests (60%)
 - Homework (40%)

Test Binder & 10 Pocket Folder

- ✓ All notes or handouts need to be kept in the correct subject pocket UNTIL that unit is complete or Miss Southard says otherwise.
- ✓ All quizzes, tests, report cards, and STAR results need to be kept in the test binder.

Resources