

August 17, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to welcome you and your child to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science at Margarita Middle School. I look forward to meeting and working with each of my students and parents. This is a new, exciting adventure that we are all on together, and we all have learning to do! I am positive your child will make tremendous growth and can expect an exciting and challenging school year. I foster a safe and disciplined classroom to ensure a comfortable learning environment for all students both virtually and in person. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [jdeleon@tvusd.us](mailto:jdeleon@tvusd.us) with any questions or concerns.

**Behavior:** All students are expected to come to class prepared to learn with a positive attitude. Cameras must be on during synchronous time (live meetings) so please help ensure that students are dressed appropriately for school each morning and have a designated workspace with limited distractions. Students must demonstrate safety, responsibility and respect as they follow all classroom rules and procedures. In the classroom, appropriate behavior during a lab can result in a lower grade on that assignment.

**Assignments:** Classwork, homework, and quizzes for the entire school year should be kept in their Google Drive. Once back in the classroom, students will keep classwork in a binder (or at least in a science tab in a binder). Please encourage your child to keep their schoolwork organized. Their neatness and completeness of schoolwork is reflective of their learning and effort.

**Make-Up Assignments:** I follow the district attendance policy for makeup work: Students will have two days for every day absent to make up the work. It is the student's responsibility to ask for any worksheets that have been missed. Once back at school, assignments will be posted in the back of the room as well as on my canvas page, so the students can access them easily and know what was missed. Class notes or worksheets need to be completed and put into the rings of their binder. Your child should not wait until the unit test to realize they are missing assignments. Students will have one opportunity to retake each unit test only. The maximum grade a student can earn on a retake is 85%.

**Grades**

A= 90% - 100%	Grade Category	Weight %
B= 80% - 89%	Assessments <input type="checkbox"/>	40%
C= 70% - 79%	Labs & Projects <input type="checkbox"/>	35%
D= 60% - 69%	Homework & Classwork <input type="checkbox"/>	25%
F= 0% - 59%		

Positively,

*Mrs. Deleon*