

Parents & Guardians

You play a vital role in the success of your child. Please take a few minutes to read over this brochure to better acquaint yourself with our class. If you have internet access check out our class website on a regular basis to keep updated on class activities.

At least weekly, check your child's book



bag, notebook and planner. Are they neat and completed? Can they explain what we are doing in class?

Review their progress. You can logon to Progress Book at anytime to see your child's grades, attendance and homework (<https://parentaccess.ocps.net>).

Thank you and I look forward to a great year!

_____ (parent/guardian signature)

Conduct

Students at Windy Ridge are always expected to follow the code of conduct detailed in their planners. In addition, in science class, students and parents/guardians must sign a Laboratory Safety Agreement before a student may participate in any lab.

Lastly it is my expectation that students follow 4 simple guides for conduct:

- ◆ Be Safe
- ◆ Be Respectful
- ◆ Be Responsible
- ◆ Be Supportive

Every student has the right to an environment conducive to learning.



Mr. Grant's 8th Grade Science Class

Science Rocks!

Windy Ridge

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Visit Us On The Web @
MyScienceSpace.com

How Do You Earn A Good Grade?

First of all be in class. Much of what we do and learn is laboratory experience and

classroom discussion that can't be made up after school or on another day.

Be prepared. Have all the materials you need every-day. Turn in assignments

on time to earn the most credit.

Do your best. Learning takes effort on your part. Stay focused on your studies and not on all the other things around you that can distract you from getting a good grade.

Stay organized. Clean out that book bag!! Keep your planner and notebook up-to-date.

Study daily. Spend 10-20 minutes per day doing at home study. Review, re-write and highlight notes. Reflect on your activity and record your thoughts in your notebook. Complete assignments, do extra reading and look for science in the news.

About Our Class

Welcome to 8th grade science. This is an important year as you prepare to take the Middle School Science FCAT and more importantly prepare

for the demands of high school and beyond.



This year in science you'll be exploring :

- ⇒ **The Changing Face of Earth:** from erupting volcanoes and earthquakes, to the center of the Earth.
- ⇒ **Space:** the origin and fate of the universe, what forces hold it together or pull it apart.
- ⇒ **Earth Systems:** the interactions that create our weather and govern our climate.

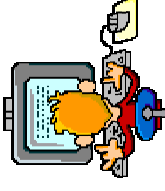
Materials You Need

- ◆ A 3-ring notebook, dividers, lined paper and graph paper
- ◆ Pencils, pens, highlighters, erasers and glue sticks
- ◆ Ruler (metric & standard), protractor, calculator and jump drive

MyScienceSpace.com

This is our class website (no it's not on

"myspace"). It's a great resource for both parents and students that can be accessed from anywhere with an internet connec-



tion: home, school, or even a public library. Check it out.

What To Do If You're Absent?

It is your responsibility to get any make-up work. You have the number of days absent plus 1 to complete assignments.

While you are out, check the class website and talk to classmates. When you return look in the out box for any handouts; talk to your table-mates and copy any notes they have. Then if you have any questions come see me.