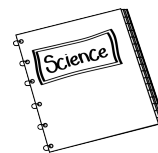


Mrs. Alamo's Science

Through classroom activities, science labs, and numerous hands-on projects, we will be examining the physical world around us. Students will be exposed to concrete, physical-world experiences to help them develop concepts associated with science topics. Each 5th-grade student will have their own science journal to record labs and science class activities. They will be responsible for keeping their journals organized and up to date. These journals will be kept in class unless they ask to take it home to finish an assignment or study before a test. Journals must be brought back to the classroom the following day.



During our scientific explorations, I will use a variety of teaching methods and assessments that will allow students to learn and communicate their understanding. Assessment of student understanding will be comprised of quizzes and tests, labs, journal checks, projects, and group activities. Quizzes and tests will be given throughout each unit to assess student learning. There will be a review session before every test. Students should feel free to contact me if they need further assistance in understanding the material.



Expectations:

Students will be engaging in many fun lab investigations which require the use of chemicals and lab equipment. Safety in our classroom is my #1 priority. To ensure a safe classroom environment, a list of rules has been developed and provided to you in this disclosure. Please review these rules with your child. These rules must be followed at all times.



Science Rules

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times during a science experiment. Horseplay during an experiment can be dangerous and will not be tolerated.
2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If you do not understand a direction or part of the procedure, ask your teacher before proceeding.
3. When first entering a science room, do not touch any materials in the class until you are instructed to do so.
4. Observe good housekeeping practices. Work areas should be kept clean and tidy at all times.
5. You will be assigned a laboratory station at which to work. Do not wander around the room, distract other students, or interfere with the experiments of others.

Rewards - *Students who behave appropriately and follow the rules, will be rewarded in various positive ways including verbal praise, Principal Star Student nomination, condor cash, table points, extra recess, and/or classroom parties.*

Consequences - *If a student chooses not to follow the rules, the following steps will be taken.*

- 1st redirection - verbal warning
- 2nd redirection - reteaching of the expectation
- 3rd redirection - stop and think for 5 minutes (writing down science expectations)
- 4th redirection - removal from activity and parent contact



Mrs. Alamo's Social Studies

United States history is our social studies focus in fifth grade. My goal is to teach history in an engaging way, allowing students to actively learn about and begin to understand the significance and importance of contributions from great figures and events of the past. Students will also develop knowledge of the American heritage, recognize and place important persons of the past, and gradually build an understanding of time and chronology. They will also recognize their own relationship to history, realizing that their actions and lives are a part of a yet-to-be written history.

