**Welcome to Earth Science!**

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**Classroom Expectations:**

1. Be ***on time*** and prepared for class.
2. Water bottles only – no other eating or drinking.
3. Only use your own knowledge and ability to complete homework, projects, and tests.
4. **No cell phones** are to be out during class. *This includes headphones, iPads, etc.* If I see them, I will take them and they will be turned into the main office. ***No Exceptions!!*** If you can’t stay off of them during class, please put it in the phone bin by the door when you enter.
5. **Come to class with a good attitude and participate!**

**Grading:**

**\*\***The cumulative semester final is 15% of the semester grade\*\*

Tests & Quizzes 65%
Projects & Labs 25%

Homework 10%

**Course Expectations:**

* **Homework is due at the beginning of the period on the due date.** Assignments turned in late, unless due to absence, will receive no more than half credit. **All work must be turned in by the day of the test.** These are scheduled at the beginning of the unit, so there is plenty of warning!
* **If you are absent, you have 2 days to make up any assignments/tests.** Please make sure to check the board, homework bin, and speak with the teacher to see what you may have missed.
* Textbooks are available to check out at any time if you would like one. I will not be handing out textbooks to every student. Instead, we will use them during class for various activities.
* Individual extra credit projects will not be given. Extra Credit is not a common occurrence.
* **Extra assistance is available before school, 8th hour, and after school.**
* Teacher webpage includes unit objectives, note outlines, assignment calendar, downloadable worksheets, link to textbook practice quizzes, Quizlet, etc.
* **Remind 101:** Optional one-way text messaging system to increase communication between parents, students and myself. To sign up, text the message **@msvearthsc** to **81010**.