



## Welcome to Mrs. Walter's 8 Gold Science!

I am looking forward to working with you this year! Eighth Grade Science is a course that covers topics in Earth and Space Science, Life Science and Physical Science. Our Science curriculum is based on the Upper Arlington School District Science Course of Study.

Some of the topics include:

the universe  
heredity

forces and motion  
evolutionary theory  
nature of science and technology

nature of energy/waves  
changing of the earth

### Communication

Website with homework page  
Calls to parents

Gradebook (Powerschool) updated weekly.  
Interim Progress Reports

To contact Mrs. Walter:

E-mail: [jwalter@uaschools.org](mailto:jwalter@uaschools.org)

Voice mail: 487-5100 x 303

### Supplies Needed

#### Daily:

1 1/2 in. 3-ring Science binder  
notebook filler paper  
blue and/or black pens  
pencils  
folder with 2 pockets and three prongs  
small post-it notes  
Student Plan Book

#### Available in locker:

goggles  
scissors  
colored pencils  
glue sticks  
clipboard  
2 **non-stretchy** book covers  
highlighters

kleenex box and paper towel (turn in for House 8 Gold use)

**Please have all supplies by Tuesday, September 1.**

## Grading

Grades are determined by dividing the points earned for assignments by the points possible. Daily homework will be accepted one day late but points will be deducted from the participation grade. Projects/lab reports/long term assignments will be accepted late, but deducted 10% per day.

**Students are responsible for checking with their Science teacher for missed work the day they return from an absence.** Two days are allowed for every one day of absence due to illness to make up work. (One day for each day missed is allowed for preplanned absences.) Please see the **Student Handbook** for more information regarding absences.

## Class Expectations

Students are expected to demonstrate trustworthiness, respect for themselves and others, responsibility, caring and compassion, fairness, and citizenship every day.

### Other expectations include:

following all the rules in the Student Handbook  
bringing all required materials to class every day (participation grade)  
having a positive attitude  
giving your best effort at all times  
following rules that are specific to the lab

### Infractions of expectations:

1st time - warning by teacher  
2nd time - conference with teacher  
3rd time - call to parents and lunch detention  
4th time - sent to office to see counselor or assistant principal

**\*\*\*Any discipline problems with a substitute - 2 lunch detentions!\*\*\***

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Please tear off at the dashed line and return by Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

**I've read and I understand the information presented in this Science overview.**

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