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| **Course Outline** | **First Semester** Unit 1 – Solar System and Universe (5 weeks)  Unit 2 – Earth and Moon (4 weeks)  Unit 3 – Climate and Weather (5 weeks)  Unit 4 – Water on the Earth (4 weeks) | **Second Semester** Unit 5 – The Dynamic Earth (5 weeks)  Unit 6 – Rocks and Minerals (5 weeks)  Unit 7 – Weathering, Erosion, and Soil (5 weeks)  Unit 8 – Energy/Conservation (3 weeks) |
| **Class Info** | Science has received new instructional materials this year. Not only will students have a workbook and textbook, they will have access to an online component.  A variety of strategies and methods will be implemented throughout the year. Some of the strategies will include: technology, flipped classroom, science text, and instructional videos. Science is best learned when students are engaged in hands-on learning; therefore, students will be participating in a variety of laboratory experiments. Access to the internet is necessary for some school and home assignments.  **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD):** A variety of opportunities to use technology will be offered throughout the year. Though it is not required, BYOD is an excellent way to make the most of class. To participate in BYOD, each student must have a permission slip on file. Guidelines for appropriate use will be reviewed with the students. | |
| **Classroom Expectations** | Classroom rules will encompass our positive behavior plan. We expect students to show positive behaviors such as being prepared, being punctual, being cooperative, and being respectful. Students are encourages to challenge themselves on differentiated assignments. Assessments are designed as a collaborative assessment and to show understanding of state standards. **Academic excellence and honesty are expected at all times.** | |
| **Grading: Grading Scale:**   * Tests and Projects – 40% A 90 - 100 * Labs and Quizzes – 30% B 80 - 89 * Classwork – 20% C 74 - 79 * Homework – 10% D 70 - 73   F Below 70  **Late Work:**  The following is a list of late work deductions:   * One day late deduct 10% * Two or more days late – assignment is completed in ZAP for 20% deduction   **No late work will be accepted one week after due date.** | | |
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