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Classroom # **1263**

**Course Description**:

Earth Science

*Welcome!* This is an opportunity for the students to learn more about their home …. the EARTH. This course is designed to take the student through a general study of the world they live in, connecting them, and appreciate the scientific explanations of geologic history. You will be introduced to the amazing landforms, the nature of the sea and the universe.

This course is taught using an instructional technique called Student-Driven INQUIRY. Students are guided through the process of science and taught how to apply scientific inquiry. It is a Project based learning that prepare them in the real-world – the project is based on student learning goals, it is framed in a meaningful problem to solve, this will engage the student in a rigorous manner.

**Assessment**

Quizzes – every chapter you will expect 3-4 quizzes with a minimum of 5 questions and maximum of 10.

Test – every end of the chapter and unit (Long Test). The questions included are the questions you have in your quizzes.

Participation and activities are assessed daily including all the work for the day.

Homework – occasionally, HW is assigned to extend classroom activities, it can be definition of the word to prepare them for the next topic. Homework is a graded work, you can’t make up on this work. If you were absent on the day that I gave the HW you will be exempted if it’s an excused.

**Discipline Policy**

The student will be given three strikes in my period. The first is a verbal warning. The second is an extended warning and discussion with student about their actions, he /she will be move chair close to the teacher table. The third one is a referral.

**Classroom Rules:**

The following teacher expectations will be enforced:

1. Respect Ms. Importante and your fellow classmates.

2. Be in your seat when the bell rings.

3. Talk only at appropriate times (When the teacher is not talking, especially during directions and/or presentation)

4. Pay attention and be attentive.

5. Raise your hand to ask a question or directions.

6. No eating. NO GUM is ALLOWED

7. Ms.Importante dismisses the class, not the bell. Students will remain in their seats until dismissed.

8. Respect others and their property (be polite and use good manners).

9. Use the Bathroom before you come to class or near the end of class only, not during class discussions or lecture.

10. The only Technology you need in this class is your computer device for school. NO CELLPHONES, EARPHONES, VIDEO GAME DEVICES are to be used nor seen in class. Earphones can only be used at the direction of the teacher.

11. Dispose your trash in designated bins.

12. Reward points shall be given to those who participates and cooperate for a better learning of the class.

13. Seating chart is changed thru the discretion of Ms. Importante (it can be every week/ month).

14. Have your pass/handbook signed if you will be in the hall while classes are in session.

**Absences**

Refer to Vista Grande policy. Students are RESPONSIBLE for asking for MAKE-UP WORK in the case of an excused absences.

**Cheating/Plagiarism**

Refer to Vista Grande policy.

**Materials:**

The student needs to have their own composition notebook to bring every day in my class, this is where most of their work kept intact, this is also their portfolio.

**FRIDAY = day I collect the NB for grading.**

**Policy on CHECKING WORK**- Work for the day is checked by the teacher, stamped. The work for the week will be graded in a daily basis and recorded **every FRIDAY**.

**GRADING – Total Points System**

Classwork-

Laboratory Activities-

Quizzes/Tests –

Projects –

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I have read the syllabus for Ms. Tara Importante Earth Science class.

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Print parent/guardian name Parent Signature