**SEVENTH GRADE EXPECTATIONS **

**Mr. Carney**

**SCIENCE!!**

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Welcome to Walnut Springs and seventh grade science. I am looking forward to an exciting 2015-16 school year! In our Science class, we will be exploring many interesting topics such as the cycles and patterns of the Earth and Moon, The conservation of mass and energy, and more! The focus of our instruction will be scientific inquiry and many fun hands on activities. The following information, along with your Parent/Student Handbook, is your guide to success in the seventh grade at Walnut Springs, both in this class and beyond. You and your parents should read all of this information carefully. Be sure that you and your parents sign on the last page in the spaces provided, and show the signed portion to Mr. Carney. This document will stay in your binder the entire year for your review.

# *MATERIALS*

To help your school day go smoothly have the following supplies for science class at all times throughout the year.

1. Three-ring binder with a Science divider to keep your papers organized, this binder can be easily shared with other subjects.

2. Pencils, blue or black pen, one color grading pen.

3. Highlighter

# *RESPONSIBILITIES/RULES*

1. Bring all necessary materials to class. You will not be permitted to go to your locker during class time. Mr. Carney cannot loan pencils to 140 students please!

2. Be in your assigned seat and ready to work at the sound of the tone. Pencils are to be sharpened before the tone sounds.

3. Keep a clean and well organized notebook/binder.

4. Be attentive and carefully follow directions the first time they are given. This is important, as labs often require detailed information in order not only to learn the required information, but to ensure safety!

5. At the end of class, remain in your seat until dismissed by Mr. Carney.

1. Show respect for yourself and others. Manners are important and are a demonstration of respect for both students and teacher.
2. Follow all school and classroom rules.

# *YOUR LOGBOOK AND/OR NOTEBOOK*

Your logbook and notebook are terrific study tools and a record of your progress. Keep them organized, and they will keep you organized. Follow these guidelines:

1. Designate one or more sections of your notebook for each subject. Your teachers will tell you how many sections are needed for each class. Put the sections in the same order as your daily classes.

2. Head all papers in the upper right corner of each of your assignments with the following information: First and Last Name, Period and Date

**LOGBOOK**

This is a tool you should use as a planner in order to keep track of assignments, homework and other important information (websites, scheduling, important dates, etc.)

# *GRADES*

Mr. Carney will be using PowerSchool, accessible from the Westerville City Schools website, to update homework, test and quiz grades throughout the year. Mr. Carney tries very hard to grade items as quickly as possible; however, please understand that absences or late work on the student’s part will result in grades being updated less frequently. I do sometimes offer test re-takes depending on many factors such as student behavior, absences, or sometimes just simply having a bad test day, as we all do. In order to retake any test, the student will need to always: 1. Demonstrate they have studied for the re-take, and 2. Take the test on their own time, such as a study hall or lunch.

# *SAFETY!!*

#  The science room is a fun place, but can also be a dangerous place. The following are some good general

#  rules to follow when in Mr. Carney’s science class:

1. I will always wear protective equipment when appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to safety goggles, gloves, lab coats, or hair or head coverings.
2. I will make sure I know and understand the safety procedures and protective tools available to me in the lab/classroom. This includes reviewing the safety rules as well as specific items (such as how to utilize the eyewash station for example).
3. I will make sure I understand the procedures for whatever lab or activity I am performing and always follow directions.
4. I will never touch, taste, or sniff chemicals, whether the type is known or unknown. In the event an experiment requires the use of the sense of smell to determine information, I will always WAFT the scent gently and only with instructors approval.
5. **Absolutely NO horseplay, fooling around, or joking behavior in lab (or class in general). We can have fun, but this cannot include inappropriate behavior.**
6. I will not bring any food or drink into the lab under any circumstances.
7. I will not wear loose fitting clothing in the lab that can be a hazard of catching in equipment or samples. This does not mean my clothing can be inappropriately tight either. All clothes must still adhere to general school policy.
8. I will understand and follow the correct procedures for using all equipment in the lab.
9. I will know the rules for storing and disposing of chemicals and I will follow them at all times.
10. If I am unsure of any procedure, I will ask Mr. Carney for clarification before I take any action on my own.

# *HOMEWORK*

In order for Mr. Carney to evaluate your mastery of concepts, work must be completed by the due date. If there is a legitimate reason why a student is unable to finish homework, the parent should send a note on the day that the homework is due stating the reason that it was not completed. The note needs to be signed by the parent. Students can stay up to date by checking their *Daily/WeeklyTargets and PowerSchool.*

# *WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN ABSENT*

When you’re absent, things go right on happening here at school. That means that the work keeps piling up, and it is **your** responsibility to make it up. Be sure to follow the guidelines printed in the Parent/Student Handbook for reporting your absence. It is especially important to remember that if you are absent for at least two consecutive days, you should make arrangements through the school office to pick up assignments that you have missed.

1. Since not all work can be sent home when you are away from school, be sure to check the master log book (check with Mr. Carney) when you return to school. There may be additional assignments that you need to complete.

2. When you are absent, you will be allowed the same amount of time that you were absent to make up work. If you knew prior to your absence of an upcoming test or project, you should be prepared to take the test or turn in the project upon your return to school.

3. If you see in the log book that you missed a test, quiz, or presentation, you need to talk to your teacher so you can arrange to make up your work as quickly as possible.

4. Turn in all make up work within the allotted amount of time. It is very important that you include your entire heading.

1. Several days after you return, check with your teacher one final time to make sure that all work was done.

## Parents please sign to acknowledge your review of this and your student will show this to Mr. Carney by Wednesday August 19th, 2015.

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