**Mrs. Garrett’s Guide to Success in Middle School Science**

Students should:

* Write in their agenda books.
* Have Science composition book and writing utensil (pencil or blue/black ink) in class.
* Practice vocabulary.
* Do their homework.
* Be respectful to others.
* Check website [www.mrsgarrett.yolasite.com](http://www.mrsgarrett.yolasite.com) weekly.
* Talk to Mrs. Garrett if you have a question or problem.

Parents should:

* Check agenda books once a week.
* C heck website [www.mrsgarrett.yolasite.com](http://www.mrsgarrett.yolasite.com) regularly.
* Check infinite campus regularly.

Mrs. Garrett will:

* Update Infinite Campus and the webpage weekly.
* Grade late work in approximately a week.
* Provide interesting learning opportunities.
* Keep a safe classroom.

Most of my classroom policies were addressed in the team letter that you received at the beginning of the year. However, there are some things that I handle in my own way.

**Extra Credit:** You have a couple of different opportunities for extra credit. I want the emphasis for students to be on what we are doing in the classroom. For five points of extra credit you can: bring in school supplies (10 points once per quarter), you can bring in a signed (by your parent) grade print out (only print one page-10 points; every three weeks) and a Newsflash. The instructions for the science newsflash can be found online or in class (up to 35 points once per quarter).

Textbooks: We will be utilizing an online text this year. If you do not have access to the internet, please let me know. We will have a set of textbooks in the classroom. The reason that we are utilizing this online option is that colleges are moving toward a complete utilization of online resources. I hope to provide your students with a skill that will help them in the future. Your student will have a user name and password that they keep in the front of their composition book. Having their name there will be a graded assignment. If they get a new notebook for some reason during the year, they will need to put the information again in the notebook.

Test Re-takes: Students will be provided with one opportunity to either re-take an exam or do a “test revision”. A test revision will give a student an opportunity to improve their test score by 10%.

**Lab behavior:** Any students who participate in horse play or are disruptive during laboratory activities will loose the next laboratory activity.

**Grade weighting:** 25% of a student’s grade will be based on homework; 35% on assessments and 40% on classwork. Assessments does not include only exam s and quizzes but homework projects as well. There will be (in general) one homework project per quarter. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in the Mendive Science Fair in the spring.

Students will be given one late homework pass for each class during each quarter. They may not use it on assessments or exams.

Please keep track of this guide (it can also be found on the class webpage: [www.mrsgarrett.yolasite.com](http://www.mrsgarrett.yolasite.com)) for your reference. If you have any questions, please contact me:

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**I have read and understand Mrs. Garrett’s Guide to Success in Middle School**

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Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This assignment is due back on 9/1 or 9/2.