



FROM THE DESK OF PHOBE W. BOUTTE



Welcome to L. J. Alleman Middle school 8th grade science. In my class, organization is a *must* in order to be successful. Students will be expected to maintain some type of binder or folder to keep handouts and grade log in order. Also needed is the \$8 Science fee, a pencil (**no ink, markers, sharpies are acceptable**), and the same calculator they use for math class. The science fee purchases consumable items used in labs as shown on the attached list. Any color of loose leaf paper is accepted.

Graded papers are given out once a week, usually on Thursday, but subject to change as needed. Students are required to fill out the grade log, calculate their grade, and get a parent signature each week. I will pick up grade logs at the end of the 9 weeks.

Late assignments are not accepted without a legitimate medical excuse or reasonable excuse from the parent. **Making up work is the student's responsibility.** Make up work is due within 5 school days of the student's return from an absence. Failure to make up work results in a grade of 0. **(Grading for late work is displayed in class and on my website.)** Papers without identification on them lose 5 pts and are 0 in the computer until identified. Students may make up work or obtain extra assistance before school from 8:05 am till 8:25 am, at lunch, or by other arrangements. Students are to receive a hall pass from me in advance in order to enter the 8th grade hallway in the morning or at lunch. No makeup work is done in class as it slows down the class and places the student further behind in science class. An ongoing opportunity for bonus points is: Reading 2 non-fiction science books, taking the A/R test, bringing me a copy of the test is good for up to 10 extra points per book – limit 2 tests per grading period. They are due within the same timelines as the A/R grading periods.

Assignments and lesson plans are posted on the agenda board in class and listed on www.new.schoolnotes.com and the homework portal at lpssoncoursesystems.com (no www in the address) websites. They are updated at least once weekly or more as changes are needed. You can register on the site to receive an email alert each time I update the page. The zip code for our school

on the site is 70503, then click on Boutte. There is also an email link to send an email directly to me. Parents can monitor student assignments on this site and contact me as needed. Student LPSS Google email accounts will be used also. Computers are accessible in my classroom.

I strongly enforce the school rules and dress code. This includes documentation of absences and tardiness. I handle most behavioral issues 'in-house'. If it is a reoccurring problem or severe in nature, it becomes an issue for the office to address.

Please **CAREFULLY READ AND COMPLETE ALL FORMS** from my class. Students will not be allowed to participate in lab after the first two weeks of school if they have not: **1)** paid class fee or made payment arrangements, **2)** completed and turned in lab safety contract, medical health form and class behavior contract, **3)** internet use permission form. They will be given a comparable written assignment to complete while the remainder of the class works on the lab.

Students will be registered on the Prentice Hall website to access their textbooks online. I will assign a user I. D. and a password to them. The online version of the book has numerous helpful features that the students will be shown in class. They receive a hard copy textbook that they may write in. Replacement for lost, damaged textbook is \$25.

My conference period is **7th period – 2:10 pm – 2:40 pm**. You may email me at pwboutte@lpssonline.com or call me at school to set up conferences. The school phone number is 521-7850. I look forward to working with you and your student (s) this year.

Signed,

Phobe W. Boutte

Science Dept. Chairperson - 8th grade science teacher

Materials purchased with 8th grade science fees: aluminum foil, wax paper, saran wrap, paper towels, kleenex, baby/antibacterial wipes, antibacterial soap, antibacterial cleaners, swiffer type disposable cleaning pads and sheets, trash bags used as aprons, baby wipes, bandaids for student use, paper clips, cardstock, clothes pins, erasers, pencils, color pencils, crayons or washable markers, rulers/protractors, manila folders, labels, tape, highlighters, scissors, glue and/or glue sticks, graph/loose-leaf/construction/color/copy paper for student work, printer ink, post-it's, index cards, posters for projects, cotton balls, craft sticks, toothpicks, rubber bands, steel wool pads, stirrers, pipe cleaner, hangers, washing powder, dishwashing liquid, nails, string, pennies, steel wool, disposable cups/plates/bowls/spoons/gloves, sand, sponges, ziplock bags, mineral/vegetable/petroleum/baby oil, corn syrup, petroleum jelly, distilled water, sugar, salt, epsom salt, baking soda, cornstarch, cream of tartar, hydrogen peroxide, vinegar, rubbing alcohol, iodine, glycerine, antacids, playdough/modeling clay, graham crackers and pudding for a lab, skittles or similar item for a lab, food coloring, flour, candles, matches, balloons, foil pans/lids, styrofoam balls, straws, water colors, plaster of paris, coffee filters, miracle gro, potting soil, seeds, potting containers, pH strips, light bulbs, batteries, marbles, lab trays/containers, rock/mineral/fossil specimens, and lab chemicals relevant to 8th grade labs such as iron filings/powder.

Late Work Policy: Starting grade does not include incorrect/missing responses/parts of assignment.

- 1 day late grade begins @ 92%
- 2 days late grade begins @ 84%
- 3 days late grade begins @ 74%
- 4 days late grade begins @ 66%
- 5 days late grade begins @ 50%
- 6 days late or more = 0