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Dear Parents/Guardians of Eisenhower Students,

This is just a quick note to welcome you and to introduce myself. I am your student's coordinated science teacher. I am looking forward to working with all of you to make your child's middle school experience both enlightening and rewarding. I hope to meet all the parents/guardians at conferences, open house, or just after school at one of the school's extra-curricular activities. I will be talking with you about your child at some point throughout the coming year. I believe the biggest benefit our students have comes from the parents and teachers working together to help them set and achieve their goals. Please call me at school at 425-385-7633 or e-mail me at [hvenkov@everettsd.org](mailto:hvenkov@everettsd.org) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I am always open to constructive suggestions to better teach our students.

**\*\*Please make sure that your student has a composition notebook** to use in my science classroom for notes, reflections, labs and assignments. They need it ASAP. The students know what to look for. Any questions, just call the number listed above.

### **FAQs**

1. **Late work policy**- I accept late work with a 30% reduction in points. We all know how important it is to finish tasks on time. 8<sup>th</sup> grade is a great time for students to reinforce meeting deadlines. Work that is turned in on-time will prepare the students better for assessments and reviews. Occasionally, assignments are not turned in on time, but students can still earn credit by finishing and turning in those late assignments. 70% is always better than zero % they receive for missing work.
2. **Papers turned in without a name** - My policy is "no name, no points". We all know that you can't get credit for work that is anonymous in this world and my classroom is no different. A "no name" paper can be claimed and turned in for late points.

I am very excited about this school year. It is my hope that we will not only reach and exceed the standards of the state, but more importantly discover how science affects our lives every day. Thank you in advance for the time you will invest in your student's success here at Eisenhower Middle school.

Sincerely,

Heli Venkov  
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