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Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to 2023-24 school year! I am looking forward to a successful year in science for every student. This is my 19th year teaching science in the Everett School District. Twelve of those I have taught science at Heatherwood Middle School and six years teaching at high school. I have a Bachelor of Science and a Master's degree in Education from the University of Washington. Most importantly, I enjoy learning and supporting students in their learning process.

The 7th grade science course is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards using the curriculum OpenSciEd. You can preview this curriculum online at: <https://www.opensci.ed.org/>
We will cover six units 7th grade science this year:

- Chemical Reactions and Matter
- Chemical Reactions and Energy
- Metabolic Reactions
- Matter Cycling and Photosynthesis
- Ecosystem Dynamics
- Earth's Resources and Human Impact

The instructional strategies used are designed to provide a variety of learning experiences in inquiry science. Below you will find the basic expectations and procedures for my classroom to promote success for every student.

Student Learning: Learning occurs in the classroom with hands on activities and lab experiments. My classroom procedure starts with an entry task of the day's learning goal, student learning through labs, discussions, class collaboration, followed by summary and student reflection. Please take some time each day to ask your child what they are learning in science.

Class Expectations: We abide by the Everett Public Schools student handbook found on the District Website: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/4822> and Heatherwood S.O.A.R, safety, ownership, achievement, and respect.

How To Follow Your Child's Progress: Grades are updated regularly and can be viewed on the on-line website accessible through Everett Public School's Learning Management System (LMS) website at: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/4701>

Grades are based on progress in learning the science standards.

- Formative: Daily Work, Check-in Quizzes, Labs = 40% of the total grade
- Summative: End of Unit Tests, End of Unit Projects, Quizzes = 60% of the total grade
 - A (4) = 93 – 100% A- (4-) = 90 – 92%
 - B+ (3+) = 87 – 89% B (3) = 83 – 86% B- (3-) = 80 – 82%
 - C+ (2+) = 77 – 79% C (2) = 73 – 76% C- (2-) = 70 – 72%
 - D (1) = 60 – 69% F Incomplete = 59% or below

I am confident that by working together this will be a successful year for everyone. You are always welcome to contact me to discuss your child's needs, ask questions, or just to say hello! I look forward to connecting with all of you and thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's academic life! Here's to a wonderful year!

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