



Chemistry I – Mrs. Henthorn

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Welcome to a new year!! Chemistry is the study of matter – its composition, structure, and reactions. Chemistry influences so much of our lives. A good knowledge of chemistry ties all of the branches of science together and helps us better understand biology, geology, ecology, physics, astronomy, and more. We will cover many new concepts using a variety of methods including reading, discussion, laboratory activities, audiovisuals, and direct observation. You will be expected to attend class regularly, be prepared for class each day, and always do your best. The course work in this class is cumulative, therefore it is very important to your success to attend class daily and not fall behind.

Class Policies:

1. Be RESPECTFUL of everyone in the room – let me teach, let others learn.
2. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS the first they are given
3. BE PREPARED – bring pencil and notebook every day.
4. Practice LAB SAFETY at all times.
5. CLEAN lab area before leaving the room
6. BE APPROPRIATE - no food or drink in the classroom, no ipods, phones, etc. without permission, stay seated until you are dismissed.

Grading:

You will be expected to keep a chemistry notebook that will include notes from class discussion, lab work, and class handouts. You need to use a **three-ring binder** that is used ONLY for this class. We do not use a textbook and you will be adding information to your notebook all year, so it is very important to stay organized and bring your notebook daily. On most tests and quizzes, you will be able to use your notebook as a reference – stay organized. I may collect your notebooks at the end of each quarter. You will also need to have a **calculator** for this class.

You will be graded on laboratory reports, class projects, writing assignments, quizzes, and quarterly exams. It is very important that you keep up with daily work. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to arrange make-up as soon as possible.

Your grades can be found on Q. If you feel that your grade is in error, you must produce the assignment paper before your grade will be changed. Keep your papers throughout the year.

Equipment

Your assigned desk and lab drawer are your responsibilities. Keep them neat and clean at all times. Handle all lab materials with care. At the end of the period, lock your lab drawer, return your key to the key board, push the stool in, dispose of garbage, and return materials as directed.

Tardies

Excessive tardies will be handled as outlined in the student handbook.

Attendance Policy

Same as student handbook. Historically, success in this class has been strongly connected to attendance.

Late Work

Avoid turning in work late – the assignment grade may be reduced depending on the assignment and instructions given! Major assignments (assigned several days before being due) will NOT be accepted if late. If you need to make up a missed lab, it will be your responsibility to arrange that with me as soon as possible.

Assistance

I am happy to assist you throughout the school year. Your success in this class is important to me. If you need extra assistance, please make arrangements with me ahead of time whenever possible. You should check your grades regularly on Q. Please notify me of any personal or health problems that might interfere with your performance in this class.

Best of luck to you in this class and all your classes and activities. I look forward to working with you, learning with you, and having fun throughout the year.

