



Journey Middle School

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Science 6th - Earth Science

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Webpage Link: Webpage Schoology Link: Schoology A Block: Earth Science B Block: Planning(earth science in Spring) C Block: Earth Science(planning during Spring) D Block: Earth Science E Block: Earth Science Distribution List Link: Distribution List Request
Textbook Information (Please give textbook information and list the online textbook codes in Schoology. Let students in parents know the code is accessible in Schoology)	CK-12 : https://flexbooks.ck12.org/cbook/ck-12-middle-school-earth-science-flexbook-2.0/
Required Novels	<i>None</i>
Course Description	<p>This course focuses on three core ideas of Earth and Space Science: Earth's place in the universe, Earth's systems, and Earth and human activity. In this course, students will be encouraged to make inquiries regarding Earth and Space Science and relate them to the world around them. Some areas of study include geologic processes, human impact on the environment, the composition of Earth's core, objects of the solar system, and changes in human population based on Earth's systems. Students will utilize laboratory experiments and inquiry activities to deepen their understanding of the concepts.</p>
Course Objectives	<p>By the end of this course, students should have a solid base in geology, meteorology, as well as a thorough understanding of correct lab procedure and safety, experimentation, and how science relates to the world around us.</p>
Course Outline	<p>Unit 1: Sun, Earth, and Moon System Unit 2: The Solar System Unit 3: Earth's Processes Unit 4: Plate Tectonics Unit 5: Water Cycle and Weather Unit 6: Climate Unit 7: Human Impact</p> <p><i>*This is subject to change.</i></p>

<p>Classroom Expectations</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be Punctual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be in your assigned seat and working on assigned bell work when the bell rings ● Tardy students without an excuse from the office or another teacher will receive detention 2. Be Prepared <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bring a charged computer, science notebook & required materials to class each day. ● Have pencils sharpened and begin bell work ● Assigned homework and project will be turned in at the beginning of class 3. Be Polite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treat each person with respect and dignity ● Use materials for their intended purpose and put them away when your are finished. Students who waste or abuse materials will replace them. 4. Be Responsible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow directions the first time they are given ● You are responsible for completing any assignments missed when you are absent. Daily assignments will be posted on Schoology 5. Be Persistent and Positive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be willing to explore new topics with a good attitude and work through challenging assignments. ● Work cooperatively in small groups and whole class activities 6. Be Safe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep your hands and feet to yourself ● Follow all safety rules when working in the lab.
<p>Progressive Discipline <i>(JMS Policy)</i></p>	<p>All progressive discipline will correspond with the Madison City Schools Code of Conduct regarding Class I offenses. Class II and III offenses are a direct office referral.</p> <p>Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention and a parent contact Step 5: Office referral</p>
<p>Cell Phone Policy</p>	<p>Students are welcome to bring personal electronic devices to school. Students will not be allowed to use cell phones during class. Cell phones may used during class transitions and lunch. All cell phones must be placed in student’s backpacks or a cell phone holder sleeve that the teacher has placed in the designated area of the classroom during the entirety of the instructional block. Also, remember that the student is responsible for locking and securing personal devices. JMS is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones and other electronic devices. Students should ensure personal devices are always in a safe and secure location. Additionally, students may not use their devices to do anything inappropriate that would disrupt the learning environment at Journey Middle School.</p>
<p>Grading Policy <i>(MCS Policy)</i></p>	<p>Middle School 60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation)</p>
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<p>Late Work Policy</p>	<p>Students present in class on the day of instruction are expected to turn in all in-class and out-of-class assignments on time. Any assignment turned in late will lose 20% of the available points. No late assignments will be accepted after 5 school days. No late assignments will be accepted after the last day of the grading period.</p>
<p>Make-up Work/Test Policy</p>	<p><i>Students are permitted to make up work, tests, and other assignments, activities, etc., when absences are excused. Under normal circumstances, it is expected that students will submit previously assigned work upon return to school after an excused absence. All work missed on the day(s) of excused absence(s) must be made up within three school days after returning to school. However, for extended excused absences when homebound services are not necessary, the teacher may grant additional time, but not to extend beyond two weeks past the return to school. It is the joint responsibility of student and parent to ensure a student makes up work following excused absences. Teachers may alter assignments, tests, work, activities, etc., as necessary to ensure an accurate evaluation of the student's performance after an excused absence.</i></p>
<p>Technology</p>	<p>Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. Discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices are not allowed on Madison City computers. Neither the teacher nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the teacher's individual discretion.</p>
<p>Cheating/Plagiarism</p>	<p>A student who cheats will not receive credit for the work in question. If any other student has cooperated in cheating, that student is also considered to have cheated and will not receive credit. Cheating students will also be subject to the consequences in the disciplinary consequences in Section XXII of this CSC. Cheating is defined to include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) copying someone else's work in or out of class and identifying and submitting it as your own (b) failing to quote and/or list appropriate citations for material derived from published sources (including the Internet) and identifying and submitting it as your own (c) the use of unauthorized notes, other materials, or assistance during the accomplishment of graded work in or out of class (d) any other situation in which the student attempts to or accepts credit for work not his or her own.
<p>Materials & Supplies</p>	<p>We will be utilizing 1 composition notebook per quarter to create individualized science notebooks.</p>
<p>Homework</p>	<p>If a student is unable to complete an in-class assignment, the student will complete the assignment at home. Occasionally, students may have small homework assignments. All such assignments will be due the next school day.</p>
<p>Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form</p>	<p><i>Student: Google Form Parents/Guardians: Google Form</i></p>