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Textbook: Holt, Earth Science

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RE: Memo for Students and Parents @JFK HS, 2016-2017 Semesters

Dear students and parents,

I would like to welcome all of you to our 9 months of educational interaction. Please dedicate yourself to Physical science commitment and applications so you will make this worthwhile. Let's start a year of change in knowledge and in maturity.

Before getting into what we will be learning, I like to reinforce my expectations for radiating happiness and relevant productivity. Please consider the YES and the NO described below.

***B31 students and I will say YES to these:

Intangible stuffs (Common sense, sensitivity, modesty, respect, courtesy, dedication, self-initiative, punctuality, preparedness and cooperation)

Tangible stuffs (Notebook, organization, assignment completion, writing utensils)

***B31 students and I will say NO to these:

Food, drink, gum, electronic / battery op. devices, graffiti, tardiness, profanities, irrelevant chit-chat, littering, cheating, stealing, immaturity, whining, lame excuses, distractive attires, hyperactivity, cocky / testy attitude, late work, procrastination, more than 5 unexcused absences per semester.

What will you achieve from adhering to above YES expectations? Just to name a few.....How about good grades in scholarship, citizenship, intelligence, confidence, competence and a strong foundation in Physical Science. Please note that you have 24 living hours per day, this science class is part of your 24 required passing classes to reach the end of your 13th year High School diploma. So be really serious to make this counted.

What if you prove you are trying to be invasive and on the NO, I DO NOT CARE manner? You will have fair warning and / or conference with equity, respect and TLC. If all is exhausted, citizenship points will be deducted along with in house / after school detention/ Saturday school according to level of severity.

Remember a F/U will take you back ward from June2017, M,A,M,F,J,D,N,O,Sept. 01.2016.

Our typical but tentative routine will be like this:

1. There will be a weekly agenda, point accumulation, and grades posted on Infinite Campus, be sure to keep abreast and follow through
2. According to daily agenda board, I will facilitate the HOW TO DO through lectures, lab activities, computer labs, homework reinforcement, group and individual interaction / practice, popsicle stick participation, and routine online quizzes.
3. I want you to treat my classroom as the fitness club for the cranium (brain). So please always stay alert, on task, follow direction, and make our cranium toner and sharper as we progress.
4. We will learn the following

Science as Inquiry: Scientific method, Skills, and processes

Earth Resources: Earth's Chemistry, Rocks and Minerals, CA Geology

Earth Structure: The Dynamic Earth (Plate Tectonics), Building the Land (Earthquake, Folds, Faults, Mountains , and Volcanoes), Eroding the Land (Weathering, Soil Erosion, Deposition)

The Ocean: Ocean Basin, Ocean Water, Movements of the Ocean Water

Meteorology: Composition of the Atmosphere, Water Cycle, Weather and Climate

The Space: Solar System and the Universe

HOMEWORK is typically from the guided reading, daily section assessment, and lab report.

The typical point accumulation is estimated from: Monthly Citizenship= 10 pts; Weekly Guided Reading=30 pts; Almost daily Homework= 15 pts; Lab Report= 50 pts; Computer lab task= 25 pts; Friday Exam=100 pts; Popsicle stick participation: 30 pts; Random notebook check=50 pts.

Straight percentage will be used for letter grades as following:

A 90%-100%

B 80 -89%

C 70 -79%

D 58% - 69%

F 0%- 54% .

GOOD LUCK,

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