



Union Park School

8th Grade Science Course Goal:

Be inspired, engaged, and prepared for a lifetime of enthusiastic scientific exploration.

Contact Information:

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**Lesson plans & syllabus can be found on Canvas (dvusd.instructure.org)

Course Expectations

- Come to class prepared to learn with a positive attitude.
- Chromebooks and chargers are provided by DVUSD, since this class relies heavily on digital submissions arriving to class with a charged Chromebook is an essential requirement. Opportunities to charge in class will be limited.
- Write in complete sentences and use your best grammar.
- Lessons are all posted in Canvas. It is your responsibility to check Canvas and stay up to date with all coursework, if you miss school no make-up work will be provided and due dates will not be automatically adjusted.
- Ask questions! If you do not understand, there is at least one other person with the same question.
- Listen to learn, teacher or peer, you will wait your turn to speak. Talking over others is never an acceptable practice.
- Respect for others is essential, always speak with kindness and compassion.

Tips for Success

Check Canvas FIRST, if you ask me something I will ask if you did this step, so be sure to exhaust this resource.

Read directions carefully, then read them again, if you are in doubt, always ask your teacher for help.

You can email me at the address listed above or message me in Canvas.

In order to learn, YOU need to complete your assignments. With the exception of group projects, sharing documents with peers is considered plagiarism and will require everyone involved to redo the assignment for credit.

Classroom Procedures

- Cell phones are to be stowed in backpacks during school hours.
- Backpacks are stowed on the counter along the wall.
- Headphones are to be away from ears during instructional time.
- Students will be invited into the classroom by the teacher, they will wait quietly against the wall until welcomed to the classroom.
- Students will not exit the class until the teacher dismisses them.
- Anyone entering class late requires a pass.
- No eating in the classroom.
- Stay in your assigned seat unless instructed otherwise.
- One student at a time may be excused to use the restroom.
- Students will ask to use the restroom by using the following hand signal:



Suggested Materials:

- o 2 College Ruled Composition books
- o 1 box of colored pencils and/or markers
- o 8 pack Erasable Highlighters or 10 pack Erasable Pens (multi-colored packs)
- o 12 Tab Dividers for 3 Ring Binders
- o 1" 3 Ring Binder

Be sure to arrive to class with a fully charged Chromebook everyday

Arizona law requires that public schools provide supplies required for academic success. This list represents optional, supplementary items which you may supply, at your discretion. If you have questions, feel free to contact the school.

Highly Proficient A 100%-90%			Proficient B 89%-80%		Proficient C 79%-70%	
100-97	96-94	93-90	89-85	84-80	79-75	74-70
All 4's on standards	All 4's except for one 3	Mostly 4's with some 3's and/or 2's	Mostly 3's with some 4's All 3's on standards	Mostly 3's and 4's with a 2	Mostly 3's with some 2's	Mostly 2's with 3's and/or 4's
Partially Proficient D 69%-60%			Minimally Proficient F 59%-50%			
69-65	64-60		59-56		55-50	
Mostly 2's and 3's with a 1	All 2's on standards		Mostly 2's and some 1's		All 1's on standards	
No Evidence						
49% - 0%						

Late/Make-up work is accepted without reduction in points until the end of the unit. Once a unit is completed, work from that unit will not be accepted for credit.

Since plagiarized material is not an accurate reflection of your understanding of the content it cannot be counted towards your final score. Opportunities to re-do the work will be provided in the form of homework

Retakes of assessments will only be provided if all coursework is completed for that unit.



Class Mascot: Barley Pop

Barley will be assisting with engagement and will document the progress of our adventures in "Barley's Log" on Barley's Instagram [@barleypopquestsofyore](https://www.instagram.com/barleypopquestsofyore). Be on the lookout for his appearances and entries to our logbook throughout the year.

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WE USE TO DESCRIBE
A METHOD OF ORGANIZING
OUR **CURIOSITY**
- TIM MINCHIN -