**Grading Breakdown**

**Grading Scale:**

100 – 90 = A

89 – 80 = B

79 – 70 = C

69 – 60 = D

59 – below = F

**GRADING POLICIES**

All assignments are due at the start of the class period.

Incomplete daily assignments (review questions) will earn a grade corresponding with how much was completed. Late daily assignments will not be accepted, as we go over these in class.

Longer assignments will be accepted the NEXT day.

Late assignments will not be accepted once the unit test has been given. (You can’t wait until the end of the quarter to turn in all your assignments.)

Notebooks/projects will only be accepted up to one week after the original due date.

**Interactive Science Notebooks (ISB)**

Over the course of the year, you will be creating your science notebook in the form of an Interactive Science Notebook (ISB). This will be kept in your composition book. Each day you will see new science concepts, learn them through lots of practice, and interact with the material and make it your own through your ISB.

Your notebook will contain teacher provided material:

* Class notes
* Handouts with new information
* Graphic organizers or foldables

and student processed material:

* Worksheets/labs/activities
* Reorganize new information in creative formats
* Explore new ideas

Some of the things in your ISB will be graded and handed back to you. Other assignments may be graded in the notebook. It is your responsibility to keep your notebook organized and complete.

**FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)**

***I was absent yesterday, what do I do?***

Check the While You Were Out (WYWO) box at the back of the classroom. On a WYWO form, copy down the day’s assignment, handouts needed, announcement, etc. Extra handouts will be in the crate. If we complete an ISB page in class, it is your responsibility to copy that information from a friend or the sample ISB.

***I need to go to the restroom, what do I do?***

Try your best to take care of this during passing time. Do not stand at the door before class and ask me to go to the restroom. If you need to go during class, wait until instruction is done. Do not interrupt the class for this.

***The homework gave me trouble, HELP!?***

I would love to help you! You may stop by my classroom before or after school. If it is not a good time, I will schedule another time for us to meet and work through the problem. You can also email me with your question: [ayork@tong464.org](mailto:ayork@tong464.org)

***I bombed the test, what can I do?***

You may retake a test that you do not do well on. You will have one week after the original test date to do this. The two grades will be averaged together. The test will not be the exact same but, it will contain the same information covered in the original.

***Can I take a textbook home to study?***

We have class copies of the textbook. Everything you need to know is in your ISB. However, you may check out a textbook from me. Please, let me know what number the book is, and when you bring it back.

**SUPPLIES FOR CLASS**

Pencil, blue or black ink pen

Composition book

**TOPIC WE WILL STUDY**

* Motion, forces, energy, simple machines
* Structure and properties of matter, chemical reactions
* Earth materials and systems, rocks, fossils, plate tectonics
* Genetics, DNA

**Parent/Guardian Signature**

Your signature lets me know that you have read over the information. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

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