

How To Succeed In Science Topics

Success in Science Topics is simple if you follow these rules:

1st) Come to class prepared with a pencil, your book, your notes, and an attitude that I will learn.

2nd) Pay attention in class.

3rd) Study/ review materials covered in class each night for 5 – 10 minutes.

4th) Do the assigned work by the DUE DATE and make up missed work if absent.

5th) Review for tests.

For many students this is the first time, or one of the first times, that they have seen or read any material on this subject. Much of what they know is based on what they have heard outside of class. That means the knowledge won't just pop into their head and if it does, it probably needs some revisions. They will have to do the work. But, that is no different than any other class they are taking in middle school.

Each week students will receive materials that we will discuss in class. Successful students organize their work in 3 ring binders. It eliminates hunting for papers in trapper keeper or accordion style folders. Most assignments will be done in class but assignments that require longer are given due dates. Those due dates are posted on the front board in an agenda, sent home in a weekly email and are posted on my website. Successful students fill out their agenda each week so they know when and what is due. If you miss assignments due to an absence, it is the student's responsibility to download the missing work from the website. Tests are given each week over the material that was covered in class the past week. Questions from previous tests will sometimes be repeated if it appears students did not grasp the concepts. Tests are usually 20 - 25 questions. Each will have multiple choice, true-false and diagrams taken from the notes or from previous quizzes. Assignments done in class and tests are reviewed in class and correct answers are given so students can create their own study guide for the next test. For those reasons it is important that students finish work, or get the make-up work if they are absent, and keep it organized in their binder.

All students must take Science Topics in 7th grade. These materials are part of the 7th grade science objectives established by the State of Michigan and each student must complete them to graduate with an endorsed certificate. As the teacher, I will provide as many opportunities for your student to learn this material as I can in the 12 weeks I have to cover it. Weather is something that affects all of our lives and understanding it only enhances our ability to enjoy it.