

Welcome 7th Grade Life Science!

This year we will be exploring many aspects of life together including: cells, genetics, the human organ systems, viruses, and bacteria. We will be learning foreign languages and discovering foreign landscapes as we look at the world around us. I am very much looking forward to going on this journey with you. Below are a few things you need to know before we begin. First, this tour will last 180 days. On this journey I am the tour guide. As your tour guide, I have created opportunities for you to learn and grow. It is up to you to take full advantage of those opportunities by showing up to class on time, being prepared, ready to participate with assignments complete. I am in charge of pointing out the cool stuff, making sure you have some “aha!” moments along the way, but most of all, my number one job is to keep you safe. In order to do that, we all need to follow a few rules and regulations.

Expectations and requirements for the Science Extravaganza Tour

#1 You need to be in your seat and ready to begin class when the bell rings. The time between classes is used for going to the restroom, sharpening pencils, going to your lockers, getting homework etc. Once the bell rings, it is time to begin.

#2 When I am speaking, you are not to be speaking. Everyone in this classroom has the right to hear what is being taught without being disrupted by side conversation. If you have a question, just raise your hand, wait to be called on, and then ask. I LOVE questions. Questions have led to very interesting conversations which have often led to very interesting discoveries for everyone.

#3 Be respectful of your fellow travelers. They, too, have a right to ask questions, to have their opinions heard, and to offer up something new to the conversation. If someone else is talking, be patient, raise your hand, and wait to be called on.

#4 Keep an eye on how much luggage you are carrying! For this class you need your vocabulary dictionary, notebook paper for taking notes, a pen or pencil, and your chrome book. On lab days, you will need your lab book. At this time I will be using a class set of textbooks, so you will not have to carry your book around (it's heavy). Access to the online textbook is available on my PCMS website. If at any time you would like a textbook to be issued to you, please just ask!

#5 Cell phones need to be safely stowed away for the duration of this journey. If I see your cell phone, it will be taken to Ms. Gay's office where it must be signed out by your parent at the end of the day.

#6 Go to your locker before class. Once this class is rolling, there is no stopping the bus to pick up forgotten materials! Come to class prepared with homework, necessary notebooks, etc. You are permitted to go to your locker between regular classes. You will not have access to the pods or your lockers in the pods during or between connections. Often during connections your teachers are in meetings and will not be in the pod to let you in.

#7 Be a good steward of our pod and the surrounding area. We have worked hard to create an environment that you can choose to thrive in. If you see a piece of trash, pick it up, even if it was not yours. How you treat the area shows an appreciation for everything that we do. Trashcans are in the hallway, the classrooms, the bathrooms, and even out on the ramps (thank you PCMS foundation!).

#8 If you find along the way you are struggling to keep up, have questions, or just need some extra help, just let me know. I have tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:10AM-8:40AM. I am here to help you learn and grow. See me the day before you would like to come in, so that I can give you a tutoring pass.

I wish you all the very best for the coming school year! Let's make it a great 2018-2019!!

Buen Camino!!

Ms. Parsley

___ I have read over the rules and expectations of Ms. Parsley's classroom. I understand the rules expectations of this classroom. I understand that I am responsible for the choices I make and the consequences (both positive and negative) that come with making those choices.

___ I have signed up for Remind 81010 @parsleysci

Signature of students: _____ Date: _____

___ I have read the rules and expectations of Ms. Parsley's class with my child. I understand that if I have any questions about the rules or expectations or anything regarding the class, Ms. Parsley can be reached via e-mail at: Karen_parsley@dekalbschoolsga.org

___ I have signed up for REMIND for Ms. Parsley's class 81010 @parsleysci

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____