

Welcome to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science



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Sixth grade science offers an introduction to various science concepts. Our class is inquiry-based, filled with activities that promote questioning and critical thinking. Questions in science lead discovery!

## **Course Outline**

- Unit 1: Space Systems
- Unit 2: Force, Motion, and Work
- Unit 3: Rocks, Minerals, and Plate Tectonics
- Unit 4: Matter in Our World
- Unit 5: Earth's Energy Resources
- Unit 6: Living Systems

## **Course Objectives**

- Plan and perform experiments by making observations and asking questions
- Collect, record, and analyze data to drawconclusions
- Effectively use scientific inquiry
- Defend scientific conclusions using the claim, evidence, reasoning approach
- Work collaboratively with other students
- Use the above techniques to explore the six unitslisted

= 35%

# Moodle and Google Calendar

My class website is used for various purposes. These include posting lesson plans, links to videos, attachments for assignments, and other interesting science links. My site also includes my contact information. Please visit my site by scanning the above QR code.

- You may also access this website by visiting the Lamar home page at lamar.lisd.net. Then click on the *Teachers* drop down at the top, and then select *Dewbre, Chris.*
- You will then see my Google Calendar that will list weekly assignments.
- To continue on to my website, select *Visit My Website* in the upper right hand corner.

# <u>Skyward</u>

Students and parents should check Skyward on a frequent basis. Student login information for Skyward is the same as their school network login. You can set parameters within Skyward to be notified when your student has a missing assignment or have a received a grade below passing.

# **Grading Policy**

- Test and Projects = 40%
- Quizzes
- Daily Grades = 25%

#### Late Work

An assignment is considered late if it's not turned in when asked for in class. You may turn the assignment in the following day for a maximum grade of 70% or two days later for a maximum grade of 50%. Assignments turned in three or more days late will be given a zero.

## Absent Work

If a student misses school for any reason, it's his or her responsibility to collect absent work *before school the morning he or she returns*. See the absent basket by the door for make-up work. For each day absent, a student has one day to complete missed work.

## **Test Remediation**

If a student scores below a 70% on a test, he or she will have the opportunity to raise the grade to passing. Students must either retake the test or participate in a specified remediation process. Students will have approximately one week to improve this score. Timelines will be defined for students at the time they are assigned.

#### **Tutoring**

Tutoring is a time for students to receive extra help, make corrections on tests and quizzes, or catch up on absent work. Since I am a Coach tutoring times will vary depending on the season.

## **Communication**

• **Email**: Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. My email address is\_ <u>dewbrec@lisd.net</u> I can also be reached by voicemail at (972)350-2059. I will return your call within 24 hours.

#### **Citizenship**

Lamar Middle School teachers use a collaborative behavior management plan to foster a safe and successful learning environment. This plan includes a team approach, teaching expectations across all classes, tiered consequences for multiple behavior infractions, recognition and rewards for appropriate behavior and demonstrating good citizenship.

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