Dear Students,

I am so excited to teach you about the world around you through the eyes of a Chemist. We will be building on some concepts you should be familiar with from Biology and Middle School, as well as diving into a lot of new content. Chemistry is heavy in both vocabulary and math, so it is imperative that you review both current content and past content regularly. As long as you do not fall behind, which you can avoid by having good attendance, asking questions, and reviewing, I know you will be successful in this class. I am here for you, so please do not hesitate to come to me with any concerns. Let’s have a great year!

Mrs. Leavens

We will be using remind this year to communicate. All students are required to sign up. Parents may sign up if they would like or if their student does not have a cell phone.

REMIND
Text to: 81010
Message: @jleavens

Reoccurring Assignments

Assignment 1: Notes
Assignment 2: Practice Worksheets
Assignment 3: Labs
Assignment 4: POGILs

Work Ethic Expectations

- Focus and participate during class.
- Review current & past material consistently.
- Seek help when you are struggling.
- Please be respectful of all individuals and their property at all times.
- Be prepared for class by completing your homework and having all materials ready.
- Follow all school rules – dress code, 10/10, leave w/ pass, technology, etc.
- Cells phones are not allowed to be seen in class unless given permission.

Absent?

Students should speak with Mrs. Leavens once they have returned from an absence to get their work. If students know in advance of an absence, they should communicate this ASAP.
Unit tests: summative, 100 points, approximately 3 per quarter, test corrections allowed for any grade and encouraged for a C or below, study guide given 2-3 days before test, test review in class the day before a test, absent students should plan on making up a test the first day they return; the final at the end of the year is cumulative and 10% of overall grade.

Quizzes: formative, 100 points, given after a concept has been taught and practiced.

Lab Reports: formative or summative depending on the nature of the lab, 100 points, see lab report format handout for content.

Notebook Check: formative, 100 points, usually after each unit, parent signature required 1st quarter, only required after if grade is below a C.

Summatives: 60%
Formatives: 40%
Diagnostic: 0%

Required Materials:
- Textbook: Modern Chemistry by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH); class set & available on V-portal
- Spiral notebook – wider notebooks work better (like 5-star), 3-5 subject will last entire year, you would need at least 2 1-subjects
- Loose paper and writing utensils
- Scientific calculator (I have a class set as well)
- Headphones for class computer cart

We will go through six major units to learn the basics of Chemistry with multiple labs for most units to gain hands-on experience.

Extra Credit:
- Quarterly: different assignment each quarter, due 1.5 weeks before grades are due but may be turned in early
- Bonus questions on tests and quizzes
- Kahoot test review winners

What are we learning?

Signature
Date