



Diamond Fork Middle School

Curiosity Class



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Course Description: In this gifted and talented elective class, we will be experiencing student-driven learning. Students will experience project-based learning, BreakOut boxes, and ultimately choose their own projects to design, research, and present. This class requires students who are self-motivated to learn new things and conduct research independently.

Expectations: In order for everyone to have a positive learning experience in this class, I expect that you always do your best. If you are doing your best you will abide by our Diamond Fork values:

- 1) Respect—respect your teacher, classmates, school, and yourself. Follow directions, listen and talk when appropriate, and keep hands and objects to yourself. Come prepared for class and keep your cell phones away.
- 2) Compassion—Treat others with kindness, including on social media.
- 3) Courage—Stand up for yourself and others, tackle difficult tasks, and risk making mistakes.
- 4) Integrity—Demonstrate honesty in actions and words, and do your own work.
- 5) Perseverance—engage and participate during class, complete work on time, and redo assignments when needed.
- 6) Curiosity—ask quality questions and demonstrate a desire to know and learn.

Required Materials: Please bring the following to class **EVERY DAY**.

- Pencil/Pen (No yellow or red pens, please).
- Any materials needed for your chosen project(s).
- Digital journal—will be updated daily in class using Canvas



Grading Scale:

A = 85–100%
B = 70–84%
C = 55–69%
F = 0–54%

Participation: The easiest way to keep your participation points high is to show up to class and work on your project(s). If you are absent, you are expected to keep up with the schedule for your project that was determined at the beginning of the unit.

Homework: There is no regular homework for this class. Students might elect to work on their projects at home, especially due to absences.

Honesty/Integrity: Cheating in any form is unacceptable. A student who is caught cheating/plagiarizing will receive a zero for the assignment/assessment, and will have their citizenship dropped to a “U”. In addition, they will feel really guilty for cheating. The student will redo the assignment/assessment for partial credit.

Citizenship: Your citizenship grade in this class will be based on the following scale:

S (Satisfactory) = 90–100

N (Needs improvement) = 60–89

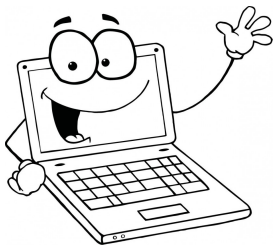
U (Unsatisfactory) = 0–59



While you may lose points for breaking class/school rules, you can earn them back with exceptional behavior, completing work on time, and helping classmates or the teacher. If the inappropriate behavior is habitual, an alternative elective class might be warranted.

****Poor behavior for a substitute will automatically drop a student's citizenship to a "U"**

Food in the classroom: There is none!!! Please do not bring any food or drink into the classroom (except clear water bottles). Exceptions include snacks that I may bring as part of an activity.



Chromebooks: We will be using Chromebooks frequently in this class. It is expected that students adhere to their Computer Use Agreement. All students will be trained in and required to abide by classroom procedures. Violations of the Computer Use Agreement or classroom procedures could result in loss of citizenship and suspension of the use of the device for an established period of time. In the event of vandalism, the student will be required to pay for damages or replace the device if necessary.

Hall passes: You will be given a Diamondback Card at the beginning of each term. Once you've used your hall pass, that's it for the rest of the term. Use it wisely. Come to class prepared!

Classroom Library: Classroom libraries play a key role in providing access to books and promoting reading achievement and motivation. Furthermore, when students possess the skills necessary to access, select, use, and effectively evaluate their reading materials, their ability to become engaged members of their communities and productive citizens is enhanced.

Our classroom library is stocked with a wide variety of materials for various interests and levels. Please be advised that I have not read every book in our classroom library and know that no book is right for every student. I invite parents to work with their students to find books that are appropriate and engaging.

If you have any questions or concerns about what books your student is reading from the classroom library, please contact me.

Canvas: We will be using Canvas, through your child's school email, for all digital assignments. This disclosure document can also be found there. Assignments can be accessed anywhere with the Internet. They can work on any of these assignments from home if not completed in class.

Questions or Concerns: If you find yourself confused or overwhelmed, please talk with me to arrange a time to come in before school, after school, or during E-time so that we can get you the help you need.

Parents/Guardians, you may reach me before or after school (801-798-4052) or by email janeen.scott@nebo.edu. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student. I look forward to a fantastic year!