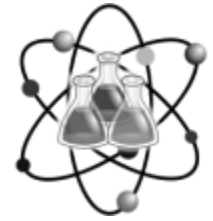


# Diamond Fork Middle School

## 7th Grade Science



Mr. Whiting - Room 10

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**Course Description:** This entire year is going to be a blast! I can't wait for us to explore more about physics, geology and biology at a 7th grade level! So, buckle up and let's have some fun!!

**Expectations:** In order for everyone to have a positive learning experience in class, I expect that you always do your best and to be kind to one another.

**Required Materials:** Please bring the following to class **every day**:

- Bring Something to write with!
- Bring something to keep track of the science papers that Mr. Whiting will provide.



**Grades are weighted as follows:**

**Mastery Scores:** Quizzes/Projects are worth 50% of a student's grade.

**Assignments:** Everything we start in class will be completed in class. Daily assignments are worth 40% of a student's grade.

**Participation:** Daily Class Openers (a weekly paper) constitute 10% of a student's grade.

A = 84.5-100%
B = 69.5-84.4%
C = 54.5-69.4%
F = 54.4-0%
P = Pass

**Rattler Time:** This is a great opportunity to make up work, take a quiz or get a little extra help from Mr. Whiting. If you miss a day, please check the 7th Grade Science Canvas page for the work that you missed. Hard copies can be found in the red, plastic box at the back of the room. Need help? Ask Mr. Whiting! He'll help you find it!

**Homework:** There will be no homework assigned ever! You're welcome! "I can show what I know" Projects are done in class, but if students want to work on them at home, that is fine as well.

**Honesty/Integrity:** Cheating in any form is unacceptable. A student who is caught cheating 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 50% credit.

**Citizenship:** At Diamond Fork Middle School, we value our behavior as much as our academics. Your citizenship grade in this class will be based on the following scale:

S (Satisfactory) = 90-100

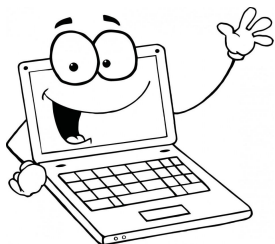
N (Needs improvement) = 65-89

U (Unsatisfactory) = 0-64



While you may lose points for breaking class/school rules, you can also gain points back for outstanding behavior. \*\*Poor behavior for a substitute will automatically drop a student's citizenship to a "U." **10 points will be awarded back per week.**

**Food in the classroom:** Please do not bring any food into the classroom. Water bottles are allowed.



**Chromebooks:** In addition to our textbooks, we will be using Chromebooks for student learning. It is expected that students adhere to their Computer use Agreement. All students will be trained in and required to abide by department procedures. Violations of the Computer Use Agreement or department procedures may result in loss of citizenship and suspension of 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:** Come to class prepared! Please use the bathroom and fill your water bottle before class. You will only be allowed to leave class for emergencies.

**Video Clips:** Throughout the year, I may show a video clip or selection from a documentary series. These episodes include but are not limited to:

- ❖ Planet Earth (BBC)
- ❖ Our Planet (Youtube)
- ❖ Inside Planet Earth (Discovery)
- ❖ Earth Collection (Discovery)
- ❖ Raging Planet (Discovery)
- ❖ Fabric of the Cosmos (PBS)
- ❖ Faces of Earth (Science Channel)
- ❖ Dogs that Changed the World (Nature)
- ❖ Galapagos (IMAX)
- ❖ My Octopus Teacher (Netflix)
- ❖ Human Body Pushing the Limits - Sight, Strength & Brain Power (Discovery)
- ❖ 95 Worlds and Counting (Discovery)
- ❖ Disney Imagineers (Disney)
- ❖ Bill Nye Movies
- ❖ Osmosis Jones
- ❖ A New Hope - Star Wars

**Questions or Concerns:** If you find yourself confused or overwhelmed, please talk with me! Rattler Time is a great opportunity to get caught up.

Parents/Guardians, you may reach me before or after school (801-798-4052) my extension is 1510 or by email at [jerry.whiting@nebo.edu](mailto:jerry.whiting@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!