

# Grades 5–8 Science--2011–2012

## Class Work----40%

- **Science Journal:**

This is a journal in which you will be asked to record thoughts, observations, illustrations, and reflections about the world around you and your interactions with it.

- **Current Events:**

Each month, you will be required to find an article about the natural world. I will ask you to print or cut out the article, read and understand it, and give either an oral response to your classmates or a written response in your Science Journal. Sometimes, you may choose to bring something in from the natural world to talk about instead of an article.

- **Activities/Discussion/Projects:**

You will work together with classmates and independently on many activities and projects as you investigate, experiment, and study your natural world. Participation, timely completion of your assignments, and taking part in discussions are all very important components of being a successful learner in Science class!

## Labs----40%

- **Weekly Labs:**

You will be required to participate in experiments and activities that will take you through the important steps of the scientific process.

- **In the Garden:**

Each week you will work in the school garden with a small group. You will participate in weeding, planting, mulching, watering, harvesting, and overall maintenance of the garden. You will also be involved in lessons about the natural world, and spend time cooking in the kitchen lab!

## Assessment-----20%

You will be tested throughout our units of study. Oftentimes, you will receive a traditional paper and pencil test over the concepts we've studied together, but other times you may be tested orally, or with a project or activity.

## Grade Scale:

100%-90%	A
89%-80%	B
79%-70%	C
69%-60%	D
59%-50%	F

