

# Butler Middle 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science



Welcome back to school!

Dear Parents,

We're ready for a great year. Our sixth grade team is looking forward to spending time with your child(ren). This packet will help you understand the hopes and expectations of our science team. We want each of you to know that every parent and student is very important to us. Please take time to review this information and discuss it with your child.

Mrs. Kristi Kimble and Ms. Deborah McFarlane

## Volunteers

Classroom volunteers are an integral part of a model classroom. Assistance is needed for L.E.G.O projects and labs. If you are interested in volunteering, please put your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet, along with when you are available and we will contact you. Or, you can e-mail us to volunteer.

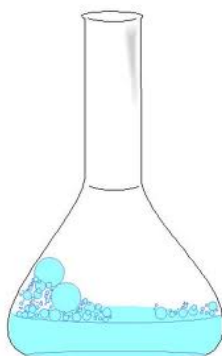
## Course Description

1<sup>st</sup> trimester - Moon Phases (Benchmark #1) and Seasons

2<sup>nd</sup> trimester - Solar System (Benchmark #2) and Universe

3<sup>rd</sup> trimester - Microorganisms and Heat, Light, and Sound (Benchmark # 3)

The last two weeks of every unit, students will be building and programming a L.E.G.O robot. This will be done in the classroom, and robots cannot be taken out of the classroom. If you are interested in helping with or observing the L.E.G.O projects, please contact your child's teacher.



### **Assignments/Tests**

Most assignments will be completed in class, however there will be occasional homework. In the event that your child has homework, we will provide the necessary information to complete the assignment. Science textbooks must stay in the science rooms.

Once or twice a week students will take a 3 or 4 question quiz to assess their knowledge of the currently taught topic. There will also be unit tests at the end of every unit.

### **Extra Credit**

Every term there will be an extra-credit opportunity. For example, second term's extra credit opportunity will be science fair. Information will be sent home about extra credit opportunities and posted on our website.

For grading information please see *GRADING* in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade disclosure statement.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade 2013 -2014**

This is a program that allows parents and the community to help support classrooms at Butler Middle School. If you'd like to donate to this classroom, please just send the item to the classroom, or you can drop it by the office and we'll get it to the right classroom. Thanks for your support of Butler Middle School

**Items to be donated**

Expo markers (fine tip - black)  
Clorox wipes (only brand we have a MSD sheet on—see picture)  
Kleenex  
Glue sticks  
Hand sanitizer  
Ping pong balls (science activity)  
Pencils



**Thanks for your generosity.  
Our class appreciates it.**

## Parent Survey

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Survey	Please circle one
1. How often would you like to hear about your child's academic progress?	Weekly    Monthly Report Card Time
2. How often would you like to hear about your child's classroom behavior?	Weekly    Monthly Report Card Time
3. What is the best way to contact you? Phone _____ Contact person _____ Email _____ Contact person _____	Phone    Email Text    Other
4. What is the best time to contact you?	Before school After school
5. I would read a class blog.	Yes    No
6. I would allow my child to post content on a class blog.	Yes    No
7. I have internet access at home?	Yes    No
8. I have printer access at home?	Yes    No
9. I can volunteer a minimum of 3 hours per school year. Circle what you can do: a. Come into the classroom on a regular basis. b. Come into the classroom for special events. c. Prepare materials or correct at home. d. Send in supplies e. Other: _____	Yes    No
10. Do you have a talent, skills, or knowledge that you would be willing to share with our class? Please list: _____	Yes    No
11. Do you know of a business that may be interested in sponsoring a school program or providing volunteers? Please provide their contact information: Contract Person: _____ Phone: _____ Business Name: _____ Business Address: _____	Yes No Maybe
12. I speak another language and would be able to assist with translating. Language: _____	Yes    No

13. Please list any specific concerns that you have for your child's education this year:

14. Are there any additional support services that we can provide information about to assist your family or your student (food assistance, housing assistance, etc.)?

### SCHOOL, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TEACHER, PARENT, STUDENT PLEDGE

<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>PARENT</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>
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<p>I will strive to do my personal best every day. I will work hard, set a good example, and model cooperation skills.</p> <p>I will arrive on time each day with a positive attitude. I will come prepared to help all students achieve to the best of their ability.</p> <p>I will communicate effectively with parents and students. I will notify parents when students succeed and not just when they struggle. I will send home notices for events, activities, and student progress. I will participate in conferences and school events.</p> <p>I will monitor students' homework and classwork completion. I will encourage students to discuss classwork, grades, and academic goals with their families.</p> <p>I will welcome school volunteers in my classroom and willingly accept any volunteer efforts. I will contribute my talents and time to the school, community, and my family.</p>	<p>I will help my child do their personal best in school. I will encourage my child to work hard and cooperate with teachers and other students.</p> <p>I will send my child to school on time each day with a positive attitude. I will ensure that my child makes up any missed work when they are absent.</p> <p>I will read school notices and communicate with my child's teacher. I will contact the teacher with questions about the school, its programs, and my child's progress. I will participate in parent-teacher conferences and other school events.</p> <p>I will check to see that my child completes homework that is assigned. I will encourage my child to discuss homework, classwork, grades, and academic goals with me.</p> <p>I will volunteer at school or at home with activities that assist my child, the teacher, the class, the school, or the community. I will encourage my child to contribute their talents and time to home, school, and community.</p>	<p>I will strive to do my personal best every day in school. I will work hard and cooperate with my teachers and other students.</p> <p>I will attend school on time each day with a positive attitude. IF I am absent I will make up the missed work</p> <p>I will take school notices home promptly and deliver notes from home to my teacher. I will participate in parent-teacher conferences and tell my family about school event.</p> <p>I will complete my homework. I will discuss homework with my family to share what I am learning in class. I will discuss my grades and academic goals with my family.</p> <p>I will be welcoming to volunteers in my school and cooperate with parents or other volunteers. I will contribute my talents and time to my family, school, and community.</p>
<hr/> <p>Teacher Signature/Date</p>	<hr/> <p>Parent Signature/Date</p>	<hr/> <p>Student Signature/Date</p>

Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_