

August 21, 2017

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Kastner Intermediate and 7th Grade Science! Students will spend the year learning concepts of earth, life and physical science, based on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The textbook, "Life Science", published by Holt, will help guide us through the curriculum. In addition to the text, several lessons and labs will be assigned through handouts, articles and/or packets of information. Each student is issued a textbook from the Library. It should be covered, **taken home and kept at home**. I will have a separate class set of textbooks will be used and left in the classroom.

➤ **Recommended individual student supplies:**

- ***A 100 page FIVE STAR Notebook that each student will use in class daily. We will be creating an "Interactive" Science Notebook throughout the year. All notes, assignments, experiment results and testing review material will be input by the students. Each student will benefit greatly from this Notebook, as it will serve as an invaluable learning tool. Both sides of each piece of paper will be used for a total of 200 pages. It is important that the notebook have 100 pages.***
- Students are expected to bring planners, binders and Notebooks to class daily.

➤ **Community supplies include:**

Because our supply budget will not support all of the activities we have planned for this year, I am seeking the voluntary donation of supplies, which your child and other students in the class can utilize throughout the year. Below is a list of potentially donated items needed...

- colored highlighters,
- colored pencils,
- glue sticks,
- scissors.
- Tissue
- Hand Sanitizer

➤ **Class Grading Policies:**

- ❖ Grades will be based on points received from assignments, projects, quizzes, and tests. Individual student grades will be calculated by dividing points earned by the total points possible. The standard grading scale in the Student/Parent Handbook will be used for science grades.
- ❖ If you are absent from school, you will be given the same number of days that you were absent to complete the assignments you missed while being out of class (without penalty). If you are not absent and your work is turned in late, the late work will be graded lower, even if work is complete in content. One day late will drop the grade of the assignment by ten percent.
- ❖ Classroom rules are aligned with Kastner's school-wide six "Essential Behavioral Expectations." Students will become very familiar with these expectations during the first month of school. Consequences of not meeting expectations and my own classroom procedures will be discussed, practiced and learned during the first few weeks of school. Expectations include the following: 1)

Be on time and prepared for class. 2) Listen and follow directions. 3) Keep cell phones OFF during the school day. 4) No eating or drinking in class-NO GUM CHEWING ON CAMPUS. 5) Respect self, others and property. 6) Do not disrupt other classes, and treat ALL adults on campus with courtesy and respect.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, you may call me at 327-2500, or email me at rickmckinney@cusd.com

Let's have a great year and... Break the Barriers together!

Sincerely,

Mr. Rick McKinney

7<sup>th</sup> GRADE SCIENCE  
***(SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN TO Mr. McKinney)***

I have read, understood and agree to follow Mr. McKinney's student behavioral expectations, classroom procedures, grading policy, and Make-up policy.

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Student Name "Printed"

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Period

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Student **Signature**

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Contact phone #1

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Parent/Guardian **Signature**

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Contact phone #2

