**Hill Country Middle School**

**8th Grade Science Course Syllabus**

**2017 - 2018**

**Teacher:**  Elisabeth Flohr **Conference Period:** **9:30 – 10:15**

 Nicole Giles **Conference Period:**  **9:30 – 10:15**

Julie Johnston **Conference Period: 11:30 –12:15**

 Woodroe Kiser **Conference Period: 3:15 – 3:45**

**CONTENT/TEXTBOOK:**

We are looking forward to teaching eighth grade science this year! In eighth grade, we will focus mostly on earth and space science. In addition, students will develop the necessary skills to be successful scientists through classroom learning and laboratory experiments. The supplied text,iScience, by McGraw Hill, and many other resources are used to complement the study. The cost to replace a lost textbook is $9.99.

**SUPPLIES:**

All students are required to bring supplies to class daily. The 8th grade supply list includes all the required science materials. The materials needed in science are listed below:

Pens/pencils Folder iPad

**SUBJECT SEQUENCE AND DESCRIPTION**:

* Scientific Inquiry
* Ecology
* Sun, Earth, Moon
* Weather and Climate
* Plate Tectonics
* Matter and Energy
* Force and Motion
* Astronomy
* Electromagnetic Spectrum

**GRADING PROCEDURES:**

The nine weeks grade will be calculated as follows:

**60 % Major** (Tests/Projects)

**40 % Skill Development** (may include quizzes, learning checks, labs, etc.)

**"Eanes ISD middle school teachers are committed to grading and assessing in the best interest of**

**our students.  We believe grades and assessments communicate content knowledge, guide instruction,**

**and reveal opportunities for enrichment and intervention."**

Grades will be entered into Skyward within five days of the assignment due date except for

major assignments, tests, and/or projects.

**MAKE UP WORK:**

A student who misses assignments or tests due to an absence will be allowed full make up privileges. A student is permitted at least one day for each day absent to complete the work. The student is responsible for obtaining the work from the teacher.

**LATE WORK:**

Students are expected to complete and turn in all assignments on time. Any missing assignment may result in a loss of points. Students need to meet with their teacher to resolve credit for any missing assignments.

**RETESTING:**

**Students scoring less than 80% on a major test are eligible to be retested over the information**

**provided they follow the steps in the retesting contract. Retesting is intended for the occasional**

**difficulty with content mastery. When students retest on a regular basis, parents will be contacted,**

**and a study plan will be developed when needed.**

**COMMUNICATION/TUTORING TIMES:**

The best and quickest way to contact us is through e-mail. Our websites will always have the

most up to date information. Students and parents are encouraged to check the website for any upcoming quizzes, tests, or assignments. Our websites can be accessed through the school’s

main page: <http://hcms.eanesisd.net>

Elisabeth Flohr eflohr@eanesisd.net Tuesday/Thursday 8:00 – 8: 20

Nicole Giles ngiles@eanesisd.net Tuesday/Thursday 8:00 – 8: 20

Julie Johnston jjohnston@eanesisd.net Tuesday/Thursday 8:00 – 8: 20

Woodroe Kiser wkiser@eanesisd.net Tuesday/Thursday 8:00 – 8: 20

**STUDENT BEHAVIOR:**

* **BE PROMPT** - be in the classroom and ready to learn when the tardy bell rings.

• **BE PREPARED** - come to class with the materials you are required to bring.

• **RESPECT OTHER PEOPLES' RIGHTS** - respect my right to teach and each student's right

 to learn. Also, respect the ideas, opinions, and personal property of others.

• **BE HONEST AT ALL TIMES** – do your own homework, labs, and assignments. Behave with academic integrity on tests. Any violation of this will result in severe consequences.