

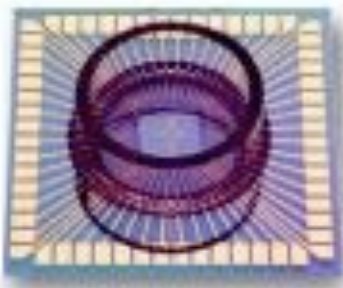
# 6th Grade Science, FQMS



August 31, 2009

## Welcome to Ms. Willing's Class

6<sup>th</sup> grade science is often the first exposure students have to scientific equipment in a lab setting. Thus, we will focus on lab safety and the processes of scientific investigation throughout the school year. Students will practice important processing skills such as observing, inferring, measuring, classifying, and problem solving. The curriculum focuses on four major areas of Earth science: atmosphere and weather, geology, environmental impacts and astronomy.



## Materials and Textbook

Each student must come prepared each day with his/her required materials.

The following items **MUST** be brought to class every day...

- 1 Pocket folder with brads
- looseleaf paper
- pencils/pens
- agenda book

Students will receive a numbered textbook in the first few weeks of school. This textbook is to be left **AT HOME** until it is collected at the end of the year. Students will also receive a password to access the online textbook from any computer with internet access.

## Classroom Conduct and Responsibilities

The Howard County Public School System sets the standard for behavior in the school and the classroom. Students should also keep in mind that FQMS values **RESPECT** for self, others and the environment.

## Grading Scale

Students will be graded using a weighted scale in the following categories:

Homework	10%
Classwork/Projects/Labs	40%
Quizzes/Tests	40%
Quarterly Assessment	10%

Please use TeacherEase to check the current grade.

## Communication

I will work diligently to ensure that students are “tuned in” and “turned on” to science and that they succeed in their 6th grade science experience. In order to keep up with what goes on in science, please utilize the following tools...

1. Agenda Book - This is the primary means of communication and students should write down their homework every day.

2. [www.teacherease.com](http://www.teacherease.com) - Use this website to keep up with grades.
3. [www.teacherweb.com/md/fqms/willgling](http://www.teacherweb.com/md/fqms/willgling) - Here you will find HW posted by class, links to related topics and the online textbook and selected assignments and powerpoints from class. Add your email to the NEWS page to receive notices and updates.
4. [kirsten\\_willgling@hcpss.org](mailto:kirsten_willgling@hcpss.org) - reach me by email with questions or concerns. (This is not a good means of finding out the nightly homework.)

## Academic Policies Homework

- Homework may be assigned each class period and is due at the beginning of the following class, unless otherwise specified.
- During first quarter, homework may receive 50% credit if it is handed in one class period late. After first quarter, late homework will receive no credit.
- Missing homework will be indicated in the agenda book with a missing assignment stamp.

## Late Work

Anything that is not homework (projects, classwork, labs) will lose one letter grade (10%) per day that it is late.

## Absences

If a student is absent from class and this is an excused absence, then he/she will have the same number of class periods to make up the work as the number of class periods missed.

Students who are absent for unexcused reasons are not permitted to make up the missed work for credit, per HCPSS policy.

## Discovery Education

This year, the county science office has paid for our students to have access to Discovery Education (DE) for the entire 09/10 school year. This is an excellent resource, providing readings, video, activities and virtual labs. Each student will receive a user name and password. We will log into DE in class, and sometimes activities may be assigned for completion at home. Please let me know if you will not have internet access this school year.

I have read and understand the policies outlined on this and the previous page.

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Student Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date