Mrs. Nickel's Classroom Syllabus

I. Contact Information

- School Email: <u>nickelk@mtcps.org</u>
- Gmail for sharing documents: nickelkmtcps@gmail.com
- School Phone Number: 586-461-3400 ext 3464
- 3rd Hour planning

II. Required Materials for Chemistry or Physical Science

- Standard 1 inch, 3 ring binder
- Index cards, 1 package of 100
- Optional Supplies
 - 12 count colored pencils
 - Pencil Pouch for your binder, one that will fit within the rings.

III. Attendance

- You are expected to be in your assigned science class on time and ready to work. If you are absent you are responsible for the material, you have missed. Please see me before/after class to make arrangements for missing assignments, labs, tests, etc.
- Labs, Tests, quizzes, etc must be made up on your time. I am available before and after school, or at lunch. Please make sure we schedule make ups on my calendar to ensure I have the necessary materials.

IV. Classroom Preparation

- You will need to make sure you have your book, your binder, and something to write with each day.
- Organized Binder System: You may store your binder on the bookcase in my classroom, each class will have their own shelf. However I am not responsible for your binder, if you choose to leave it in the room.

V. Class Website(s)

- All class handouts will be available on our class website.
 - http://nickelkmtcps.weebly.com
- All students should have access to a Gmail account. Gmail is free to sign up, we will be submitting many assignments through google drive. Please make sure you are using Gmail in an appropriate fashion for school.

VI. Grading Policy

- Total Points System
 - Your grade will be determined by simple percentage. The total number of points you have earned divided by the total number of points possible. Each of your assignments will be organized into one of the following categories
 - Classwork, Homework, Tests/Quizzes, Labs/Projects,
 - Your semester grade will be calculated in the following way
 - Quarter 1/3 40%



- ✤ Quarter 2/4 40%
- Final Exam 20%
- If you earn an "A" in both quarters of a semester you do not have to take the semester final exam for the semester.
- Late Work
 - Defined as work that is turned in after I have collected the papers from the class. School policy states a 10% reduction will occur for each day the work is late.
 - Work may be turned in for partial credit up until the day the assignment is passed back to the class. Once papers have been returned there will be no credit given for work unless you stay afterschool and complete the assignment under my supervision.
- Lab Work
 - Make sure when we enter the lab you listen for all instructions and follow them.
 - Make sure you are following safety rules at all times. You will receive one warning to discourage unwanted lab behavior. If it continues you will be asked to leave and take a zero for the assignment.
- Copying, Cheating, Plagiarism
 - If you are caught copying, or cheating on any assignment. Both parties will be held responsible, meaning both parties will receive a zero.
 - If you plagiarize any formal paper or lab report you will also receive a zero for the assignment. You cannot take credit for someone else's words.

VII. Hall Passes

- Each student will receive a pass sheet to be kept in their binders. You have six passes total for the semester. This works out to be 3 per marking period or about 1 pass per month. Use them wisely. Please try and reserve your passes to times in which instruction permits you to leave and return easily.
- Left over passes at the end of the semester will be worth 5 extra credit points each.

VIII. Electronic Device Policy

- There are no cell phones or head phones in my classroom. This is non-negotiable.
 - First time you are caught using your cellphone or having headphones you will be asked to put them away, turn them off, etc.
 - Second time, you will be asked to go to security/office. This is school procedure, as stated in the student code of conduct.
- Please do not ask me to charge your devices, all electronic devices found charging will be removed and dealt with appropriately.

IX. Overall classroom behavior and expectations

- I expect you to follow the Student Behavior Expectations outlined in the student code of conduct.
 - I expect you to be respectful to our room, my supplies and materials, and each other.
 - I challenge you to be responsible for your own learning, this means being prepared for class, participating every day, making time to complete assignments, and asking for help when you need it.