

HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMY at MMS

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Class: Medical Investigators

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Welcome!

Welcome to Medical Investigators! I am looking forward to working with you and your student to have a very productive and exciting term.

What will you learn this year?

This term you will learn how to think critically like a scientist while learning about the body systems and genetics. We will focus on the circulatory, respiratory, urinary, skeletal and muscular systems, as well as genetics. We will even do a dissection of a cow heart! I hope to bring visitors/experts from various health professions into the classroom whenever possible to give students a real life application of what they are learning.

What are my expectations?

1. **Behavior:** My behavior expectations are the same as those of all of Monroe Middle School: **Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Prepared. Be Safe.**
2. **Science Work:**
 - a. **Classwork (45%):** includes almost all activities done in class including learning logs, labs, warm-ups, exit slips, and other assignments. Students will work mostly in groups of four or partners.
 - b. **Homework (10%):** Students will have an anatomy coloring homework assignment each week due on THURSDAY/FRIDAY. There may be additional homework if you have any incomplete work.
 - c. **Tests and quizzes (45%)** will be announced at least 2 class days in advance. Organized science notebooks and study guides are great tools to use to prepare for tests. There will also be a final exam at the end of the course.

What if I am absent from class?

In this class, it is extremely important to come to class every day! We will do a lot of labs which cannot be

made up at home. If you are absent, you may have an alternative assignment. All assignments are expected to be turned in by the due date. If you need to take your notebook home to complete any work, it is your responsibility to bring it back to class.

How can I stay up to date with what we are learning?

Everything that we do in class will be posted on canvas including a calendar of when assignments and exams are due. If you need extra help, please email me or talk to me before or after school to arrange a day when you can stay after or before school for tutoring.

What do you do if you have any questions or concerns?

Please e-mail me, and I will get back to you as soon as I can! jennifer.netherland@ucps.k12.nc.us

What supplies do I need for class?

- PENCILS
- Composition Notebook
- Earbuds/headphones
- colored pencils (12 pack)
- glue stick

Please sign here that you have read and understand the expectations for Medical Investigators this year.

Student: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____