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## **Mrs. DuBose's Sixth Grade Earth-Space Science!**

### **S.T.E.M. Academy**

*"Educate to Innovate"*

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Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to your 6<sup>th</sup> grade science class and Booker Middle School. We have a very busy and exciting year in store for us!

We will begin our year by delving into the Earth's layers and discovering the dynamic forces that cause transformations on its surface and within its shell. Next, get blown away while learning about the Earth's atmosphere and the weather it creates. Finally, let your imagination really take off as we venture into the study of space and the universe around us.

The intent of the S.T.E.M academy is to offer an innovative approach to education. In a S.T.E.M classroom children are challenged to use their technology and problem solving skills to develop conclusions, create, and discover the world around them. The S.T.E.M. team will guide pupils in this process as they become more responsible for their learning and success.

Parents, I want to ensure that your student has a worthwhile and invigorating experience while in the classroom. However, I cannot do this alone—I need your help. I ask that you regularly check to make sure that your student has completed assignments, has needed materials, and is academically prepared for any tests and quizzes.

Finally, I have included some information that may help answer some of your questions about our classroom. I know that with your help we are going to have a great year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. DuBose



# Materials

\*\*\*\*Parents: Please have all materials by Monday Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Thanks!

\*\*\*\*It is very important that you obtain all materials on this list as they will be stored in class for your child's use and convenience.

<b>How Many?</b>	<b>Item</b>
1	Pack of Expo dry erase markers
1	3 ring binder with pockets ( <b>1inch</b> )
1	Flash drive
2 packs	Loose leaf paper
1	Spiral notebook
1	Blue folder with pockets
<b>Girls only list</b>	
1 pack	Colored Pencils
1	Box of Zip-lock baggies (sandwich, quart, or gallon size) <b>OR</b> Roll of paper towels
<b>Boys only list</b>	
1	Pack of 10 Crayola Markers
1	Box Kleenex tissue



# LEARN

Much of your student's science class will be taught through LEARN. Your student will be able to access class assignments, homework, the textbook, course announcements, and flipcharts and Power Points used in class from anywhere they have internet access. This allows them to keep up with work, even when absent, and to correspond with me about any issues they may be having with homework. I encourage you to check your child's LEARN account regularly to stay up to date on their progress in class.



## Make-up Work

Students are expected to obtain any missing assignments from the files kept in class or by checking the LEARN calendar when they are absent.



## Grading

In our class, students will be graded on a point system. Each assignment is given a point total and the grade is calculated from that. All points from the various assignments are added together in order to determine a final grade.

Ex. An assignment is worth 75 points means--

A= 68-75 points; B= 60-67 points; C= 53-59 points; D= 45-52 points; F= 44 points and below



## Communication

Teacher Correspondence: **Email is the best way for us to communicate.** Please feel free to email me at any time. If you do call during instruction time, the office will take a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Email: [deanna\\_dubose@sarasota.k12.fl.us](mailto:deanna_dubose@sarasota.k12.fl.us)

Phone: 359-5824

Agenda Book: Each day your student is required to write down both their homework and classwork assignments in the **agenda book**. Please look at the agenda book with your child on a daily basis. It is also **required** that parents **sign the agenda book each Thursday** night. The agenda book will be ***checked*** for a signature during class on Friday.

School/Team Information—Important school information and forms will regularly be sent home with your child. Please make it a habit to check your child’s backpack daily.

Contacting Your Child--If you need to get a hold of your child, please relay the message through the office. Texting and phone calls are a distraction not only for the child who is receiving them, but also for the surrounding classmates. In addition, if your child is not feeling well or forgets something, they may only call home from the clinic phone. This is school policy. Thanks for your help concerning this matter.

Please sign and return the portion **below only**. The rest of this packet **should be kept for your personal records**. Thanks.



My parent and I have read Mrs. DuBose’s Science Syllabus.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_