

Dear Parents,

Thank you for coming to Back to School Night! I am looking forward to getting to know your child this year. It will be a fun, challenging, and rewarding year for both me and your child. The following are guidelines that will help your child be successful in science:

*What will my child be studying?*

Seventh grade science is a continuation of the skills and processes learned in sixth grade. The textbooks are units from the *Science Explorer* series. We spend the year covering the following topics:

- Earth's Waters
- Chemical Building Blocks
- Chemical Interactions
- Human Biology and Health
- Cells and Heredity
- Motion and Forces

*How will you grade my child?*

Grades are calculated on the points system. Assignments may include Homework, Classwork, Tests, Labs, and other assignments throughout the year. Tests come from study guides and other handouts given in class. These will be covered either through homework assignments or in class discussions.

*How does my child get help?*

I am available during break, club period, and also during tutorial (6<sup>th</sup> period) if a student needs to get help.

*What does my child do if they are absent?*

They are to consult the class website (<http://khbscience.weebly.com>) or Renweb, ask a partner, or check the class handouts in the classroom to pick up any missed handouts.

*How will I know how my child is doing in your class?*

Students have a Table of Contents in their notebook that they are responsible for keeping up to date with all assignments. They may calculate their average at any time using that. Feel free to spot check that on a regular basis to make sure they are keeping up with their assignments.

Also, students/parents may access Renweb at any time to check progress in class. I will do my best to keep grades current, however if at any time you have a question or would like an update, please do not hesitate to email me directly.

*How do I contact you?*

I will be glad to schedule a conference time in advance if needed. You may also email or call and leave a voicemail.

Email: [kbarker@parrottacademy.org](mailto:kbarker@parrottacademy.org)

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Please contact me with any concern you may have. I am excited and look forward to working with you throughout the year!

Sincerely,



Karen H. Barker