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**7th Grade Integrated Science – Room 12 - InTRO Letter**

**Course Objectives** To help students become independent thinkers and critical consumers capable of using the SEPs (Science and Engineering Practices) and CCCs (Cross-Cutting Concepts) to better understand real-world phenomena. Students will be working on laboratory activities in cooperative groups, asking meaningful questions, conducting detailed investigations/experiments, and will become familiar with the use of appropriate tools and technology, for Science and Engineering, as we explore the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) 7th Grade Integrated Science Guiding Concept**, “**Natural processes and human activities cause energy to flow and matter to cycle through Earth's systems.”

**Batty4Science.com** I maintain a website which tracks our DAILY activities in class. Under the MENU tab you will find a tab titled 7th GRADE SCIENCE BLOG. I post pictures of our lab activities, daily Agenda Board, as well as completed work for the Interactive Science Notebook (ISN) to help students and parents/guardians clearly understand all classroom expectations as we work towards meeting the NGSS. I recommend that parents/guardians check this BLOG at least weekly (as well as PowerSchool) with their student to ensure that their student is on track and successful in Science.

Under the CLASSROOM INFORMATION tab you will find all of the details about our classroom including the Grading Policy, Required Supplies, Lab Safety Contract, Homework and Late Work policies, etc. Your student has also been given a Room 12 Flip-Book to keep in their ISN which contains all of these details. Please review either/both of these resources with your student.

**Interactive Science Notebook (ISN)** The ISN is a tool that will be used every day in class. Almost all (95%) of work assigned in this class will be submitted in the ISN. ISN Check sheets will go home for parent/guardian review and signature about every 2 weeks. I require a very specific notebook for the ISN. If you wish to purchase this type of notebook it is available at Target for $3.99 (**UPC**: 815766023725 - or any other color of this notebook) or you can send your student to school with $2 to purchase one directly from me at a discount. Your student must have their ISN, and all other required supplies listed on my website/Room 12 Flip-Book, by Monday, 8/27/18.

**Class Dojo** Class Dojo allows for quick and easy Parent (Guardian)/Teacher communication. We will be using Class Dojo to track daily student behavior (positive and negative). You will know the day it happens if your student does not turn-in a lab or ISN Check, is not prepared for class, is warned/disciplined about negative behavior, or if they were kind and helpful, practicing excellent lab skills, or worked really hard to persevere through a challenging task. Please sign-up for Class Dojo by providing a valid email address or cell phone number where you would like to receive your updates.

I am looking forward to an exciting year full of hands-on learning experiences and FUN! I pride myself on making myself available to my students and their families as much as possible. Please feel free to reach-out to me at any time throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Batt

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Please review, sign, and return THE BOTTOM PORTION ONLY to Mrs. Batt no later than Monday, 8/27/18. Please keep the top portion of this letter for your records.

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle either YES or NO for each of the following (You will be contacted for any NO answer to discuss further):

* I have reviewed the Room 12 Intro Letter and Room 12 Flip-Book with my student. Yes No
* I understand I can check Batty4Science.com and the ISN to check on my student’s daily progress. Yes No
* I understand how to use PowerSchool to check my student’s grades and I should check weekly. Yes No
* I understand I can sign-up for Class Dojo for timely updates on my student’s behavior in Room 12. Yes No
* I have received, reviewed (with my student), signed, and returned the LAB SAFETY contract. Yes No
* My student will be prepared for class by 8/27/18 with all required materials including the ISN. Yes No

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Class Dojo Sign-up** (email or cell#) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred contact info:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_