

Hello families!

I am excited to be teaching **Earth Science Exploration** with your child this year!

I wanted to let you know a bit about my format, what is expected of your child, and what they'll need to bring to class.

Everyone's first question...homework? I do NOT require homework for this age. The only thing I suggest is to work on memorizing the fact-of-the-week. Each class I'll write out a fact for them to copy. If they memorize it and can recite it by the next class (I will ask them to stand at their seat to recite) I give them a different sticker each time (some kids in the past have gotten quite the collection and they also trade with each other). However, it is NOT required that they do this. Feel free to require it at home! Some kids memorize things very easily and some don't. Some won't want to recite in front of the class, I get that, so I leave that up to you and your child. If you'd like to be extra sure they are reciting, let me know and I can tell you if they refuse or not in class. I've had kids in the past tell mom they are doing it but get to class and they said they didn't want to. I'm going to listen to your child unless you tell me to do otherwise.

Also...while I don't require that they memorize or recite, I will require that they write it down, even if they know they won't be memorizing.

I ask that on the first day (and all class days) your child come prepared with something to write with and a 1 1/2 inch binder with three dividers labeled "Fact-of-the Week", "vocabulary", "other". They will need at least 10 sheets of notebook paper for the first two sections. "Other" will be for worksheets and such that I hand out. I hole punch them so they can hold onto them. Any other supplies needed I will bring them each week. I ask that each child respect all work that is handed out for them to do in class and all supplies they are allowed to use. If any child has issues with this I will be letting you know right away.

Also...since we are meeting third period, this can be a bit of a restless period since its after chapel and before lunch. If you have a hungry kiddo, I encourage for them to have a small snack during chapel if possible. I also ask that they use the restroom BEFORE class starts. We are a full class this year, so I'd prefer NOT to allow bathroom breaks as it becomes a gateway to disruption and one asking after another. If they'd like to have a water bottle in class that is fine but if they run out of water during class, they'll need to wait till after class. If kiddos chat too much with each other, or have issues paying attention, seats may need to be assigned. Hopefully that won't be needed!

Generally, they will arrive in class and will begin to write the Fact-of-the-Week down into their notebooks. I'll be reading from various books, giving a lecture, doing demos, giving them experiments and activities to do as well during our class time.

Please let me know if you have questions!

Please RESPOND to this email with a "got it" so I'll know I've typed out your email address correctly!!!

THANKS!

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