

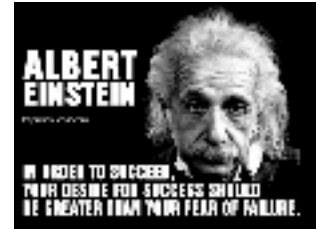
## Welcome to Mr. D's Science Class at Aurora Quest K-8!

It is my hope that you will leave my class enthusiastic about science and with a foundation of skills needed to become a *scientifically-literate* person. I promise to make our lessons and classes as interesting and as fun as possible. In order for all of us to have a positive experience this year, there are specific guidelines we must follow as we interact with each other in class. There are three "Golden Rules" that these guidelines are centered on to help establish the learning community I want in my classes, creating an environment where it is okay to ***fail often to reach success sooner***, as failure is part of the learning process. These rules are:

**BE SAFE**

**BE RESPONSIBLE**

**BE RESPECTFUL**



All Aurora Quest Middle School Behavior Expectations apply as well:

- Cell phones, tablets and other personal electronic devices should be turned **OFF** and put away unless otherwise stated by Mr. D. Check with your teacher for specific permission before using it in certain circumstances.
  - 1st offense: Teacher will tell you to put it away (warning)
  - 2nd offense: Put device on teacher's desk and get at end of day
  - 3rd offense: Parent contact and/or office contact
- Chromebooks and other classroom computers are a tool to use for **school assignments only**. You need to be logged into **LANSchool Channel 225** at the beginning of class.
  - If you are playing games or using the computer for other unrelated school websites, Mr. D will enter that into a discipline database for the office and you may lose tech privileges for the rest of the period. **It will still be up to you to complete the assignment you were supposed to be working on.**
  - After 3 of these events are entered in the database, you will be referred to the main office and lose technology use (teacher will determine length of time).
  - Parent will be contacted.
- Hats and hoods are not permitted in the building

Additionally, Middle School Behavior Expectations include:

- Be respectful
  - To yourself, teachers, staff and peers
- Be engaged
  - Listening, participating, thinking, reflecting
- Be productive
  - Complete work on time or *check in with your teacher for the help or time needed*
- Be prepared
  - Have materials you need and use them appropriately



I need to know where all of my students are at all times, so students are not permitted to leave class without permission. The sign out/in log is posted by the door with the restroom passes.

### About Me:

I'm sure you will get to know me throughout the year. I look forward to getting to know each of you this year and sharing my passion for science.

**You are always welcome to come in for additional help during your recess or after school if I am available (not coaching or in a meeting). Just let me know in advance when to expect you so I can plan on being available!**

### Grading:

Grades are determined by proficiency on standards. Please see the student handbook for further explanation.

## Extended Learning Opportunities:

There was homework??



**Vocabulary should be studied nightly** so that you can understand conversations and reading in class easier. Additional homework will be posted via Remind texts (see below for instructions) **Parents, be sure to sign up for Remind texts, too!** I have a (mostly) paperless classroom and will be using Google Classroom for class assignments as much as possible. I still recommend having writing materials when you come to class. If you have your own tech device (laptop or tablet), you are welcome to use it in my class as long as your parents approve! There are a few activities that will still require paper and pencil, so have

those available each day.

### Parents:

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding your child's behavior or progress in my class. You are my closest partner and ally in helping your son or daughter achieve success in my class. Because I have many students to manage, I don't get to initiate contact with parents as much as I would like to, so I invite you to contact me at any time. **When signing up for Remind, please include the student's name with yours.**

1. "Remind:" This is the best way to get alerts about extended learning opportunities. **Parents AND students**, please sign up to receive text or email updates. Text the appropriate code to **81010**.

Class	REMIND code (parents AND students)	Google Classroom code (students only)
Advisory, Period 1	@dunkinrise	hx9n9
Advanced 7th, Period 2	@dunkin1	ybpqbl
Advanced 6th, Period 3	@dunkin2	nxiwou
Advanced 7th, Period 4	@dunkin3	j23yv1f
Advanced 6th, Period 5	@dunkin4	b96n5u

The REMIND texts will be going to all that sign up, but it includes a secure way for you or I to text each other, so you can ask me a question about extended learning opportunities.

If you don't have/prefer texts, you can sign up for email alerts as well or visit the Science Updates section of [QuestScienceGuy.weebly.com](http://QuestScienceGuy.weebly.com).

2. EMAIL: [bldunkin@aps.k12.co.us](mailto:bldunkin@aps.k12.co.us)

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**\*Remember: Textbooks are available [online](#) with Username - QuestKids and Password - LoveScience**

Unit	Advanced 6th Grade Science	Advanced 7th Grade Science
1	<b>Digging In</b> - How do scientists work together to solve problems?	<b>Diving Into Science</b> - How do scientists work together to solve problems?
2	<b>Ever Changing Earth</b> - What processes within Earth cause geologic activity?	<b>Genetics</b> - How can knowledge of genetics help feed the world?
3	<b>Air Quality</b> - How can you improve air quality in your community?	<b>Good Friends and Germs</b> - How can you keep your good friends from getting sick?
4	<b>Living Together</b> - How do flowing water and land interact in a community?	<b>Astronomy</b> - How can you know if objects in space will collide?

Mr. D