Mrs. Coggins’ Science Interactive Student Notebook (ISN) Guidelines

**What is the purpose of the Interactive Student Notebook?**

The purpose of the Interactive Student Notebook is to enable you to be creative, independent thinkers and writers. Your notebook will be used for a variety of activities or assignments.

**What materials will I use?**

* 1 subject spiral notebook for every unit
* Pencils
* Colored pencils or crayons (try not to use markers- they bleed)
* Glue sticks or tape
* Scissors
* Worksheets, foldables, and notes we complete together
* Anything else that will help you personalize your learning

**What goes in my ISN?**

Almost everything we do in class. This will include guided notes, drawings and illustrations, graphic organizers, foldables, lab reports, and mostly items that are meant for learning and not meant to be graded. Your notebook will act as your textbook. This is what you will compile in class and what you will study with and learn from. By the end of the year, each unit’s notebook will be a portfolio of what you have learned!

**How will my ISN be graded?**

* The rubric for grading is attached to the back of this sheet.
* Notebooks will be graded based on completion, quality, timeliness, organization, and neatness.
* The front of your notebook must have a completed table of contents.
* Every page in your notebook must have a page number, date, and title
* Guided notes must be completed in full, meaning all blanks are filled in.
* Graphic organizers, foldables, worksheets, and other activities that are glued into your notebook should be completed and IN COLOR whenever possible. Color is an important part to how our brains process information and it will help you remember things we learn!

**What happens if I am absent?**

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the work you missed. The “While You Were Out” crate will have all necessary handouts and worksheets filed by class day, and the model notebook will be your guide of how to set up the pages you missed. In addition, the calendar on the bulletin board will have a listing of any assignment that was taken up for a grade.

I have read and understand the Interactive Student Notebook Guidelines. I will complete my daily activities to the best of my abilities, and I understand that with organization comes success.

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