



Dear Parents,

I would like to take this time to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year and let you know how excited I am to have your child in my Science class this year. This year will be an exciting journey into Science as we explore Physical Science, Earth and Space Science, and Life Science in new and exciting ways. This is a very important year, as we are reinforcing and building upon everything your child has learned since Kindergarten. My focus is to inspire life-long curiosity about the world and foster a love for science. With your support, this will be a very successful partnership in your child's educational journey.

Attached you will find some important information about my class. I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laura Hernandez

# Parent-Teacher Conferences

If you have any questions or concerns and you would like to schedule an appointment, please email me. I am available Monday-Friday at 7:30am.

\*Parent conferences/meetings must be requested and scheduled via email.

## Homework

- Homework is a continuation of the day's lesson; therefore, scholars will have daily homework to complete.
- Homework will be uploaded to [sis.archimedean.org](https://sis.archimedean.org) (Archie) on Sunday evening and due by the end of the day on the following Monday.
- Homework can be uploaded and turned in via Archie OR printed out and turned in.
- Late homework will be reduced by 1 letter grade for each day it is late.
  - Submitted complete and on time 100%.
  - 1 day late & complete 89%.
  - 2 days late & complete 79%.
  - 3 days late & complete 69%.
  - 4 or more days late & complete 59%.
- Homework that is not submitted will be entered as a Z (zero) in the grade book.

# Classroom Behavior

- Scholars are expected to follow Classroom Rules.
- Positive behaviors will be awarded via tickets/points in class.
- Scholars will have a opportunities in which they will be able to purchase "rewards" with their accumulated tickets/points twice a month.

# Gradebook

Tests: 30%

Quizzes: 20%

Classwork: 15%

Homework: 10%

Projects/Labs 25%

Grades can be viewed on the Miami Dade County Public Schools Portal. Username is your child's ID# and the password is their birth month, birth date, year, and the first and last initials of their name. For example: 030912em

Parents, please note that it is the scholar's responsibility to monitor their grades. If there is a grade you or the scholar is unsure of or have questions about, it is imperative that you email the teacher immediately after a grade is input in Grade Book, as it is very hard to remedy a problem if you notify us weeks later and/or at the end of the grading period.