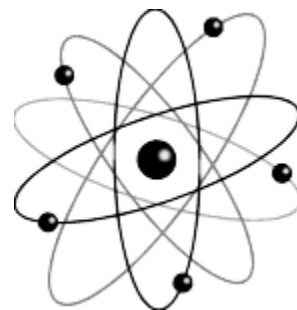


Grade 9 Science

This year in Science we will start our studies with a look at Atoms and Elements, followed by an Exploration of the Universe. In the second term we will look at the Nature of Electricity and finally Reproduction.

Your term mark in Science will be based on several categories.

Daily Work and Assignments	10 %
Laboratory Work and Reports	20 %
Quizzes and Projects	20%
Tests	50 %



Lab and Field Work

For this class we will be performing several labs and fieldwork projects. Plans are in the works for some field trips as well. Proper conduct must be displayed at all times or further activities may be cancelled.

Web Site

For all of the classes that I teach we will be making use of our class website, which is listed below. I suggest that you bookmark this page. We can use this site in a number of ways. Students will be posting notes, pictures, and even videos of class work and labs to the site. I post daily homework assignments on the site, as well as upcoming tests and quizzes. If you are absent you should be able to keep up to date using the site. There is also an email link so that students (and parents) can contact me with questions or concerns.

<http://mrjvilla.pbworks.com/>

Additionally, we will be using the site to complete online work. This will vary from homework problems, quizzes, tests, and projects. Students can expect to have at least one small task to complete every two weeks. Usually one week is given to complete and submit the assignment, and then a few more days are given to return and self check. I highly recommend submitting work well before the deadline as technology can often experience problems.

If internet access at home is an issue please speak with me as soon as possible. If you have concerns about having your image on the web site please speak with me.

All students will need to sign up for a PBWorks account. This is free and no personal information is given out. Make sure that your user name is such that classmates and I can identify you, but others cannot. First name and last initial are good.

Class Expectations -*You are responsible for your own success!*

Independent study habits are one of the many skills that you are expected to acquire this year. As with any class, your effort that you put in will by in large determine the grade that you receive. Late or incomplete assignments, poor preparation for a test, and poor attendance are just some of the ways that you can sabotage your grade. I am always willing to assist a student with extra help provided that the student has made an effort in and outside of the classroom.