

Mr Ruiz's Overview

Communication

Parents/Guardians should be sure to check my website daily for lessons, assignments, upcoming assessments, and projects. This is an important communication tool between us.

Please visit my website at **ruizpieces.com**

If you need to speak with me, please call the office and leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible. The office number is 667-8817. You may also write a quick note in your child's planner and have them bring it to me. I can also be reached via email at eruiz@turlock.k12.ca.us or eruiz@turlockusd.org

Late Work-Absent Students

It is the responsibility of the returning student to see me to discuss missed work either before or after school. Students will also find assignments for missed days posted on my website. Please note that it is not possible to replicate an entire core for the absent student. Tests, quizzes, and labs will need to be made up during lunch or after school from 3:00 to 3:30pm except minimum days. Please request an Independent Study Form for planned absences that equal **five** or more days. Contact the office for this form.

Late Work-All Others

I do not plan to assign many, if any, traditional homework assignments. The main assignment is for students to document their work in science class by building a website that contains information from their classwork. It is imperative that your child learns personal responsibility for their school assignments. I encourage students to complete their work and check their peers' work for completion and accuracy so that they are prepared for labs, assessments, and life. Students need to come in after school or at lunch to check his/her progress or use Aeries online.

Grading Policy

Student's learning will be evaluated on in-class assignments, long-term assignments, quizzes, tests, and projects.

A=90%-100%

B=80%-89.9%

C=70%-79.9%

D=60%-69.9%

F=0%-59.9%

Detentions

Detentions will be served within one school day of notification. Detention slips will be sent home with the student and emailed to the email address on file on the day the student receives the detention. I will never keep a student after school without your prior permission.

Detentions are served after school for a period of 45 minutes. I always appreciate your support in this area.

Academic Assistance

I offer extra help daily during lunch. Students may also pre-arrange time with me as needed.

Materials needed

Writing utensil

Folder or 3-ringed notebook

Science (physics, chemistry, geology, biology, ecology, and engineering)

7th grade students will be practicing science by using the scientific method to explore nature.

Students will be guided through a variety of in-class activities to facilitate their understanding of scientific knowledge and how that knowledge is gained. Students will be constructing a Google Sites website throughout the school year. A student's website will document his/her journey through this class, and is expected to be kept up-to-date. Student websites will be peer reviewed and graded by checking for content and accuracy.