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Dear Parents,

Science for your child in 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be a full year of Life science. Science will be conducted in a full laboratory setting. This may be your child's first experience with a laboratory science. It is usually very exhilarating for them. My hope is to enhance this exhilaration and inspire their love for science with many "hands/minds on" activities.

Science is a course that is practical and meaningful to their lives. I have confidence that everyone can do science and I want my students to have this confidence as they tackle tough questions and investigations. Learning to question their world and to analyze their observations will do them well in science, but also in their everyday lives. I want them to become problem solvers and self-learners. Their success in this 21<sup>st</sup> century will depend on it.

I also have expectations that they will grow in their interpersonal skills. We often work in cooperative groups and this is sometimes difficult for 12-year-old students. The strategies to get involved and be part of the group will be encouraged. Patience and respect will be expected as they work together. Shared jobs will encourage them to depend on one another for the success of their investigation. Team building will be utilized to create an atmosphere of camaraderie and comfort.

Doing science has many facets; it's the investigation, the cooperation of teamwork and the excitement of learning new things. I hope to make them the best scientists they can become as a way for them to become the best citizens and adults for the future. I truly want them to reach their fullest potential and seize every moment of life and learning.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Susan Busch*