**Welcome to 7th grade Science 2020-2021**

**Gaskill Preparatory School Mr. Smeal**

I am looking forward to a great school year. To ensure that everything runs smoothly and education is optimized, I would like to explain what our classroom expectations are.

**Rules and Expectations**

**1. Respect –** is a key factor in having and building a community within our classroom. A safe place where we can learn and grow every day!

I will respect you.

You will respect me.

We will respect each other

**2. Online learning –** is no different than in class lecture. Be attentive and engaged when learning through Microsoft Teams. Ask questions when necessary and take notes! This is a new experience for everyone, all I ask is that you do your best.

**Supply list**

**Notebook**

**Course Outline**

**1. Scientific Method**

**2. Matter**

**3. Cells**

**4. Plants**

**5. Cell Division (Mitosis)**

**6. Cell Division (Meiosis)**

**7. Genetics (Heredity)**

**8. Artificial Selection**

**9. Evolution by Natural Selection**

**10. Metamorphosis**

**11. Ecology**

**12. Conservation Biology**

**Grading Policy:**

Tests: 20%

Quizzes: 20%

Labs: 10%

Homework/Assignments: 50%

All the work for this course will be through **Microsoft Teams.** We will have class meetings over teams at designated time, where we go over PowerPoints and take guided notes. We will also have days where work is assigned and you will complete it on your own. This could be a near pod, a video with questions or castle learning assignments.

I will post the work for the entire week at the beginning of each week. You will have all week to complete the work, take your time and do not rush, this is not a race.

Students will have to time manage and be responsible with doing remote learning. I am here for questions and to offer help with anything needed. As the superintendent has stated numerous times, this will be a slow start. We will not begin graded work until everybody has a computer and is ready. Stay patient and stay well.

**Join Remind – 7th Grade Life Science**

**@gaskill7**

**Important information and reminders will be posted here. Students can also contact me for help and questions through remind.**

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Mr. Smeal