

# Classroom Rules

**Rule One:** Follow directions quickly!

**Rule Two:** Raise your hand for permission to speak or to leave your seat.

**Rule Three:** Make smart choices!

**Rule Four:** Keep your dear teacher happy!

Glue this side  
down into  
your science  
notebook

## Am I prepared for class?

- Science binder and notebook
- Any assignments due today?
- Pencil and eraser

## Class Participation

- Am I working on the **science starter** when I walk into class?
- Am I following the **agenda** on the board?
- Am I working **cooperatively** with my lab partner or group?
- Am I doing my **best work** or rushing to complete it?
- Am I staying **on topic** during class discussions and group work or am I talking socially?
- Do I have a **positive** attitude?
- Do I lend a **helping hand** when needed?

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## Grading

Grades are calculated using three main categories:

- 50%** Science Notebook—Labs, Classwork, & Homework
- 40%** Tests, quizzes, & projects
- 10%** Class participation and preparation

## Homework

The purpose of homework is to reinforce what students learned in class. Expect homework 3-4 times per 6 day cycle. Most assignments will be to complete a lab write up or to practice and review the current topics in class. All assignments are **due at the start of the class period. Incomplete assignments will earn a grade of 60. Late homework MUST be completed by the next day and will earn a maximum grade of 75.**

## RCC NB

### Review, Complete, and Correct Notebook

Students work at different rates, and although the majority of notebook assignments will be completed in class, not every child will finish within the allotted time. This assignment provides "catch-up" time for those who need it and "review" time for those whose notebooks are complete and correct.

1. Re-read your notes for the section we are working on in class.
2. If you did not finish an assignment in class, complete it. Refer to your instructions as necessary.
3. If there is an assignment from the previous week that is missing, incomplete or incorrect please use this time to complete or correct it.

## Corrections

- For tests and quizzes, you may make corrections and earn half credit for each corrected answer.
- Corrections are written on a separate piece of paper, attached to the test or quiz, and signed by a parent.
- With corrections, your score may not exceed **75%**.

# Grading Scale

Checks	Grade	Description
✓ ++	100	<b>Excellent!</b> <b>Exceeds expectations</b>
✓ +	95	<b>Very Good!</b> <b>Meets all expectations</b>
✓	85	<b>Good Job!</b> <b>Meets most expectations</b>
✓ -	75	<b>Does not meet most expectations</b>
✓ --	70	<b>Below grade level</b>
Inc.	60	<b>Assignment is incomplete, please complete for credit</b>