

## Jefferson Middle School

1372 Las Tunas - San Gabriel - California 91776-1791

**Dear Parent,**

My goal is to work with you to assure that this will be a successful term for your child, and I know you share this goal with me.

We can achieve this goal it by working together as a team - student, parent, teacher - communicating frequently!

### **My contact information is :**

**Phone #** (626) 287-5260 x3208

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I will post a calendar with assignments on my geocities website. This web site is:

[www.geocities.com/mcmahon\\_sgusd](http://www.geocities.com/mcmahon_sgusd)

This site is also linked through the Jefferson Middle School web site at

[www.jefferson.sgusd.com](http://www.jefferson.sgusd.com).

In order to guarantee that your child and all the children in our classroom have the educational climate they deserve, all students must follow these rules:

### **Use appropriate behavior at all times.**

Be patient, listen while others talk. Follow rules and encourage others. Work together as a team.

### **Students will be in class on time.**

Respect others, be in seat when bell rings.

A student will be considered tardy if he/she is not in the classroom and seated when the period begins.

**Being tardy will result in an automatic detention!**

### **Students will bring necessary materials.**

All students are expected to have a separate section in their binders for Science assignments.

They are to come prepared to class with their school agenda, class binder, paper and pencils.

Students are responsible for making up all work missed due to absences

### **Students are responsible for the proper use of all equipment in the classroom.**

Respect school property. Damaged equipment will be repaired or replaced at the student's expense.

### **Students are to eat or drink only in the lunch area.**

No gum, food, or drink is allowed in the classroom

### **Conduct is a Choice**

#### Rewards

1. Praise and recognition
2. Home contact
3. Homework passes

#### Consequences

1. Warning, unless offense is severe
2. Detention after school - 15 min. - 1hr.
3. Written notice to parents.
4. Parent contact
5. Time out or classroom suspension

Sincerely,

**Ms. McMahon**

### **Course Outline**

#### **Text:**

*Physical Science*; Prentice Hall

The semester's topics will include:  
(Chapters 1 through 8)

Scientific Method

Properties of matter

Properties of atoms and chemical compounds

Periodic table

Chemical reactions

#### **Grade structure**

40% ---- Quizzes, Exams, Assessments

60% ---- Notes, Vocabulary, Daily Assignments,  
Lab write ups, Take-home activities,  
Projects/Presentations, Homework

**A** -- 90-100%

**B** -- 80-89%

**C** -- 70-79%

**D** -- 60-69%

**F** -- Below 60%