**Pine View School**

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**Blue Team**

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**Course Expectations 2019-2020**

**Science Grade 5**

**Pine View School**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**:

\*To develop creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

\*To develop scientific skills of observing, recording, and analyzing data in hands-on activities.

\*To nurture imagination, creativity, and strengthen self-concept.

\*To take risks and strive for personal growth.

**TOPICS**:

Physical/Earth/Life Sciences/Scientific Method/Grade 5 Standards

Further explanation of the Grade 5 FL State Science Standards can be found on the county website: <http://www.cpalms.org/Public/search/Standard>.

**TEACHING TOOLS**:

**Pearson**  *ELEVATE*~Grade.5 Science text (*available online- see website*)

Teacher selected resource material to supplement/extend

**REQUESTED DONATION (greatly appreciated by your teacher to make science as hands on and creative as possible for your student)**:

$**10.00** lab to cover lab materials (optional)

**\****Checks can be written to:* “Pine View School” (CASH is not able to be accepted)

**GRADES:**

*All grades can be checked online through the Parent Portal Grading System used by Sarasota County. Please make sure both you and your student have access.*

Grades will be determined using the following weights:

* Tests **40%**
* Quizzes **30%**
* Projects/Labs **20%**
* Classwork/Homework **10%**

Your child is responsible for heading all their work correctly as instructed in class. Any assignments missing the proper heading will result in a 5% decrease on the overall grade of the assignment.

**MAKE-UP WORK FOR ABSENCES:**

All missed coursework, except long-term projects, will be accepted or rescheduled in accordance with the policy outlined in the Student Handbook. Long-term projects are due the day the student returns to school from being absent. Upon an absence, students are **expected** to contact the teacher and to record and complete missed classwork and homework.

**GRADE 5 HOMEWORK POLICY:**

In our ongoing effort to improve school-home communication, encourage initiative and self-direction, and increase academic achievement, the 5th grade teachers have developed these guidelines for success:

**Expectations of Students:**

1. Record all homework, test dates, and project information in the agenda book daily.
2. It is the student’s responsibility to request make-up assignments when absent and turn in to the teacher.
3. Plan to spend an average of 15 minutes per subject area per night. This includes homework and study time. Students who work slowly may have to invest more time; others may need slightly less time.

**Expectations of Parents:**

1. Check your child’s agenda book DAILY for recorded assignments, test dates, and projects.
2. Communicate questions with your students.
3. Communicate concerns with your teachers.
4. Check the team website.

**LATE WORK:**

All late assignments will be deducted 10% for each day it is late, up to 3 days. After 3 days, the work will not be accepted, and your child will receive a zero for the assignment.

**Student Behavior Expectations:**

During the school year, we will engage in a variety of activities in small groups and as a class to develop and maintain a positive learning community. Students are expected to maintain a responsible and respectful demeanor in the classroom. Campus behavior, including referrals, will affect attendance to field trips. Each student’s cooperation and good behavior is essential to his/her learning as well as the learning of all the students in our class. Therefore, the following classroom rules have been established to insure each child’s success:

1. Listen and follow directions.

2. Show respect for others, school and personal property.

3. Take responsibility for your actions.

**Laptop and cell phone usage during school hours is not permitted. They should be put away and off all day.**

**ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:**

Any academic misconduct will be dealt with as per the PV Academic Honor Code.

**COMMUNICATION:**

I enthusiastically welcome communication from you, as well as your participation in specific classroom activities.

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Our preferred method of contact is through email. We are available for phone calls between the hours of 11:15am-12:50pm. We are also available for parent conference from 8:45am – 9:05am,12:40pm-1pm and 4:00pm – 4:20pm on most days. Conferences are required to be scheduled with the Blue Team teachers and a preconference form must be completed by parents prior to meeting. Please allow at least a 24-hour turnaround time for teacher response to a parent contact.

***Please SIGN below and return to your Science Teacher. THANK YOU!***

**By signing below, you confirm that:**

**“I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND WILL UPHOLD BLUE TEAM’S COURSE EXPECTATIONS FOR SCIENCE 2019-2020, AND I WILL UPHOLD THE HONOR CODE AND I UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES IF I CHOOSE ACADEMIC DISHONESTY.”**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PRINTED** Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED** Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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