

# Justice Myron E. Leavitt Middle School

## THE PATRIOT FIVE CORE VALUES



**LEADERSHIP:** LEAD inside/ outside of the classroom through a POSITIVE example.

**COURAGE:** Take RISKS in their learning and thinking; have courage to share ideas.

**INVINCIBLE GRIT:** PERSEVERE even when tasks get tough.

**GLORIOUS KINDNESS:** TREAT each person the way you wish to be treated.

**CREATIVITY:** INNOVATE: Use your creativity to solve problems at school and in the community. THINK outside the box.

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## Course Expectations

Ms. Manzanares

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science/Acc

Student's Name:

Student ID Number:

### Student:

\_\_\_ I have read and understand the school rules listed above.

\_\_\_ I have read and understand the progressive discipline steps for inappropriate behavior and tardies

\_\_\_ I have read and understand the course expectations provided for this course.

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Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Parent/Guardian:

\_\_\_ I have read and understand the school rules pertaining to my child.

\_\_\_ I have read and understand the progressive discipline steps for inappropriate behavior and tardies.

\_\_\_ I have read and understand what is expected of my child in this course.

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Signature of Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent Email (this will be used for contact purposes only)

## Course Scope:

This one-year course for sixth-grade students focuses on understanding the living systems on Earth. Students will use scientific processes, protocols, and tools, including inquiry, to build understandings of living things and the interactions between living and non-living things. Critical thinking, collaboration, accuracy, and communication skills will be used as students develop a foundation for scientific literacy in life, earth, and physical science content. This course is required for sixth-grade students. Technology, history and nature of science and career information will be integral components of this course. Instructional practices will incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course.

Semester 1 - Earth and Physical Science

Semester 2 - Life Science

### I. Grading

- Assessments: labs, quizzes, tests, projects: 70%  
Classwork: 30%
- Semester exams will be worth 20% of the SEMESTER grade  
Semester exams will not be administered early. Students who are absent may make-up their exams on the district approved make-up day
- Explanation of student grades

A	100 – 90%
B	89 – 80%
C	79 – 70%
D	69 – 60%
F	59 and below

### **Parents and students are urged to check the Infinite Campus Portal for grades regularly.**

- Late Work policy - If a student does not complete any assignment (for reasons other than an absence), they will be assigned a make-up work detention the following school day from 3:30 to 4:25 EVEN if they turn the assignment in the next school day.
- Test retake policy – A student may only retake a test if 1) all assignments have been turned in 2) the student has asked for help, clarification, or exhibited evidence of further studying and a further mastery of the subject matter.
- Behavior - Expectations in the classroom are expected to be met. Students failing to meet those expectation will receive a warning (name on board) name and a check (parent contact) or name and two checks (Thursday lunch detention).

### II. Technology

- This year, at Leavitt, we want to encourage the daily use of technology in and out of the classroom to further enhance the educational experience. As such, Leavitt will be providing students with individual devices in all grades to utilize in class and at home. Students will also be provided with a Google email address to correspond with their teacher and classmates on projects, as well as to turn in assignments. Students may choose to utilize their own electronic tablets (iPads, Kindle Fire, Samsung, etc.) cell phones, laptops, and reading devices for educational purposes. Please be reminded that your student is responsible for the safety of their personal device and must utilize the district's Wifi to ensure their internet safety. All use of these devices will be for educational purposes and must be approved by the individual teacher.

### III. Teacher's hours of availability – before school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 – 8:50 a.m. After school Monday and Wednesday from 3:21-3:40. This is subject to change.