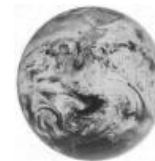


Science 8

Earth Science



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Thank you for the privilege of teaching your child this year. The 2010-2011 school year at Roanoke Valley Christian Schools holds great opportunity for your child. The opportunity of learning about God's creation carries with it responsibility. I pray that your child fulfills the responsibility of living Christlike as the challenges of academic responsibilities are encountered.

Earth science studies God's creation in the four categories. First semester studies the Celestial Sphere. Second semester starts with a study of the Atmosphere. The class then studies the solid part of the earth (Lithosphere). The Hydrosphere concludes the year.

Assignments are vital for your child's success. They should be done when assigned in order to be ready for the next step in the educational process. Makeup work is the responsibility of your child. Late assignments receive LESS credit for each day late. ANY material not entirely your child's should be clearly indicated in writing.

Quizzes will be given occasionally to check the progress of your child. **Tests** tell me if your child has mastered the material and receive the greatest weight. The material to be mastered should be in your child's notebook: terms, notes, and activities sections. Memorization is just the first step of mastery. Tests also require your child to apply knowledge. **Notebook** grades are equivalent to one test grade. **Science fair** will be held March 21-22, 2011. Your child will need help working in a group to complete this project. Homework grades will be given for meeting deadlines. Two test grades will be given for the completed project.

This great privilege of teaching your child carries with it responsibility. If your child fails to follow any of the guidelines listed in the family-school guide, appropriate discipline or loss of points will follow without warning. Pray for me as I work toward the education of your child, and I will pray for God's work in your child's heart.

Information can be located on the RVCS website. Click on *Middle School* under *Campus News*. Links will be added throughout the school year to helpful websites.

I am available Tuesday and Thursday mornings (7:50 - 8:10) for individual help. Other times can be arranged. Contact me. I want an open line of communication between us.

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