

Monday,

August 23, 2010

Dear Seventh and Eighth Graders and Parents:

As the school year starts, it is again time for us to start work on our science fair.

Each student will choose a topic, and all topics must be approved by Mr. Biggs. Students are required to find a **minimum of 7 sources**. Sources may include the following options:

- Internet sources (no more than 2 of this type)
- Encyclopedia-either in book or online form (only 1)
- Periodicals
- Books
- Newspapers or pamphlets
- Expert interview
- Other forms of sources may be acceptable, please ask

Students will have work time at school. Students are required to bring needed materials to work on paper in class on designated work days. Students will also need time at home to complete this paper.

In order to facilitate this, a flash drive is on the school supply list. As the student works, there should always be two current copies of their work: One on the computer recently used (either at school or at home) and the other on their flash drive. Work lost due to not backing up properly will not be given any special considerations.

This science fair is considered a major project, and failure to turn in a final paper will affect a student's eligibility until the work is completed. This includes field trips and athletics. Students will receive two copies of the deadline dates: one to keep at home, and one to keep at school. Each student will need to show proof that his/her parents have read this letter. Please sign the copy of the term paper deadlines that your child will keep at school. The copy of the checklist you sign will always be the first page of his/her binder, and I encourage you to check it from time to time to help your child keep on schedule.

It is my hope that each student will enjoy learning more about his/her topic choice. The goal of this assignment is to ensure that your child will have the necessary skills to tackle any research project he/she will face in the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In Christ,

Brian Biggs

Junior High Science Fair

2010

Important Dates to Remember

August 23	Binders Handed Out
August 30	Topics Chosen
September 10	Rough Reference List
September 17	25 Note Cards
September 24	35 Note Cards
October 1	100 Note Cards Total (these include the previous 2 due dates)
October 8	Rough Outline & Current Reference List
October 15	Title Page
October 22	First Page of Paper
November 1	Rough Draft of Paper (EC for early papers)
November 5	Rough Drafts Returned to Students
November 12	Paper Due (EC for early papers)
December 3	Science Fair

Points For Grading Term Paper

Part	Pts Possible
Abstract	3
Safety Sheet	2
Title Page	3
Table of Contents	3
Acknowledgements	1
Purpose/Problem/Hypothesis	
Variables	5
Paper	
Formatting	5
Content	25
Organization	10
Paragraphs	5
Spelling/Grammar	15
Citations	10
Reference List	10
Material List	3
Procedure	5
Data	5
Graphs/Charts	5
Conclusion	5
Display Board	15
Experiment	20
Total	155

General Guidelines

1. The text of the paper must be 5-7 pages long.
2. The Reference List must have at least 5 sources
3. The term paper will be typed.
4. Times New Roman size 12, double spaced
5. The project is a major part of Science and English grades.
6. If you keep up with each step as scheduled you will have no difficulty.
7. Note cards will be needed: (3x5) or (4x6).
8. Students not prepared to work in class will receive a pink slip.
9. Additional information to follow.

I have read the attached science fair materials and am aware of the term paper requirements and deadlines:

Parent signature_____

Date_____