



Ms. Mac's News

Parent Newsletter: Biogeochemical Systems

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your scholars to a new school year, introduce myself, and offer some advice on how to help your scholar do their best in science this year:

Your Teacher: My name is Anna McAllister (Ms. Mac). This is my second year teaching at CMIT. I graduated from University of Maryland with my Bachelor's of Science in Nutrition Science and I will be starting a Master of Science in Learning Design and Technology this Spring. Within my class students will be actively engaged and challenged to develop science - processing skills, literacy, and critical thinking skills. Your student should spend at least 30 minutes/ day reviewing or studying.

I value family and believe in building strong relationships with students and their families. If you have any questions and/ or concerns do not hesitate to contact me. I am excited to collaborate with you and look forward to meeting with you soon!

In Class: This week and next week we have been focused on getting to know classroom procedures and expectations as well as what this course is about (I am attaching the syllabus with this newsletter as well). Students should be signed up for their class's Khan Academy, Edmodo and Remind group (codes in CMIT News). Later on next week we will launch into Unit 1- The Big Bang Theory after completing Nature of Science (scientific method, reading/ learning strategies).

Study Habits: I did some research - most college students are expected to spend 1 - 2 hours outside of *each class* session studying (*US News*). Developing better study habits in high school is a key to success. The homework that is assigned in Chemistry is designed to aide in providing understanding and establishing better study habits. Furthermore the textbook outlines the key points in **bold**. This, I believe is very helpful for note taking & studying. Students should be studying *daily*.

Edmodo: ALL classwork and homework can be found in the folders or posted on the feed! So if your scholar is absent, you can find the work here ahead of

Up Next:

- Syllabus Form,

Edmodo, Khan

Academy,

Remind 9/7

- Nature of

Science/

Reading

Strategies

- Unit 1 : The Big

Bang Theory

- Review

Assignment

Due 9/18

- Back to School

Night 9/20

them returning to school.

Please encourage your scholars to not wait until there is a test or major misunderstanding of concepts to ask questions. Please email me for a time to come and see me if you need help. I am here to help.

Study Tips: Please Check out this article :<https://blog.prepscholar.com/how-to-study-better-in-high-school>

- Re-writing notes; use highlighters/color coding (this I have used even in college/grad school)
- Pay close attention to key vocabulary & guiding questions
- Jot down questions you have and ask them as soon as possible

1

COMMUNICATION

Please communicate any problems or questions with course matter as soon as they arise via email, Edmodo or Remind.

2

AVAILABILITY

Please email for details.

3

PARTNERSHIP

Team work makes the dream work!

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Sincerely,

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