

Eighth Grade Physical Science

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Prep period: 2:40-3:30 every day.

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you and your students to the Belgrade Middle School. My colleagues and I take a lot of pride in our teaching and will do our best to help your child succeed. A strong partnership between home and school will enhance your student's chances at success.

This is my tenth year of teaching eighth grade physical science. I thoroughly enjoy having your children throughout the year and I am always looking for ways to improve.

In the eighth grade Physical Science classes the student gains an understanding on how nature works. Topics include: phases of matter, the chemical elements, the development and use of the Periodic table, atomic structure, compounds, mixtures, chemical bonding, and simple chemical reactions. Other topics include: metric measurements and conversions, how to construct and conduct safe and effective labs, density, volume, area, motion, gravity and forces. There is a great deal of mathematics involved with physical science so I request that students have a calculator as part of their supplies.

While homework is not given daily, the students need to review constantly. I am requesting that the students purchase a **bound composition notebook (not spiral)** for their science labs and observations. I will try to get extra so that students may purchase. This will be our main source of note taking and communication. Students will be responsible for having it with them at all times. Occasionally, this will be collected and graded on a rubric.

I have a web site where I will update assignments daily and will provide a way for students to keep up on missed assignments online. The site is a work in progress and will grow as time goes on. The address <http://www.mrjgrom.com>. Please check this site and add it to your favorites. Grades are located on the Belgrade web page and I TRY to update them weekly. There are also many times when the Belgrade site has glitches where the grades do not update correctly. Please call me if you have questions on your student's grade.

I am always willing to help students who seek assistance and will always be willing to work one on one with them. Please encourage them to seek help if they need it. There are many students here and sometimes it is hard to keep track of them all. My email is jgrom@belgrade.k12.mt.us, this is usually the easiest way to reach me. You may also call me at home or reach me at school.

Thank you,

Jeffrey E. Grom

