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The textbook series that is used in science for sixth grade is *Holt Science & Technology-Earth Science*. This series meets the National Science Education Standards (Grades 5-8).

We will be studying earth science in sixth grade. Topics to be studied this year include: rocks and minerals; energy resources; plate tectonics; earthquakes; volcanoes; weathering and soil formation; agents of erosion and deposition; fresh water; oceanography; weather and climate; and space.

We will cover interesting and relevant topics throughout the year. Real-life connections are made every day in class. We will discuss local, and national news as it affects our world, as we know it. Please feel free to volunteer to speak to our class if you have knowledge or have experienced the various topics that we will be covering. Videos and photos are also appreciated.

Students will be expected to come prepared to class with their textbook, notebook, pens, and assignment Homework makes up 50% of the class grade and tests/quizzes are 50%. All work is to be turned in on the due date. No late work is accepted (exceptions are made for those who come to school late or are absent).

Labs and activities make learning hands-on. I have a stream table that we will be using for various experiments and projects.

Students are expected to respect themselves, others, and their environment. I expect them to follow the same expectations for science as well as math.

I look forward to a great learning adventure this year with your children!