COURSE SUMMARY
This course introduces students to important concepts in Chemistry and how these ideas relate to the real world. Topics to be studied include safety, measurements, matter, thermodynamics, atomic structure, Periodic Table, naming, bonding, reactions, stoichiometry, and gases. Activities, labs, discussions, articles, and projects will be incorporated in order to explore these topics in depth and demonstrate the major role that Chemistry plays in our daily lives.

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS
The following classroom rules MUST be followed by all students:

1) Arrive on time and with all materials for class.
2) Be seated, quiet, and working when the bell rings (all bags off the desk).
3) Respect each other.
4) Be POSITIVE!
5) Follow all school rules in the Student Handbook (electronic devices off, ID properly displayed, no food or drink, etc.).

CONSEQUENCES
Failure to follow the rules and expectations will result in the following:

- First offense: verbal warning, student conference
- Second offense: teacher detention, phone call home
- Third offense: office referral, phone call home

*Late to class: 1st- warning, 2nd- detention / call home, 3rd and others- office referral
*Cell phone use in class will result in an AUTOMATIC referral/confiscation, per school policy
*NOTE: a referral may be immediately given for serious offenses!

MATERIALS
Each day you should bring the following items to class: pen/pencil, CALCULATOR, and notebook/folder/binder with all notes and handouts given. It is YOUR responsibility to stay organized!

GRADING
Grades will be determined using a total points system. Point values are assigned for each assignment depending on length, complexity, etc. You will receive scores for homework, quizzes, tests, labs, in-class activities, and projects.

WARM-UPS
At the beginning of class most days, you will have a warm-up question or activity to QUIETLY complete on your own. You must write the question and respond for full credit. These will be collected and graded at random times. Warm-ups should be started immediately!
HOMEWORK
You will be given homework on a daily basis. These assignments will be checked or collected during class. Failure to complete homework WILL affect your course grade! You should complete homework in order to get a better understanding of the course material and to help your course grade. LATE HOMEWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN A SCORE OF ZERO FOR THAT ASSIGNMENT!

ABSENCES
On days you are absent from class, you are responsible for getting the work you missed. You will be given the same amount of days as days you were absent to make up the work. Failure to turn in assignments within this time period will result in a ZERO for each assignment. If you are absent from class for a school related activity but are present in school, you must see me during the course of the day to get any missed work and turn in any assignments.

LEAVING THE ROOM
You should use the restrooms / get a drink / go to locker in between classes. In emergencies, if you need to go during class, you MUST ask for permission and take the pass. You may only go where you ask to go and nowhere else. Failure to ask for permission or not taking the pass will result in loss of your leaving privileges. Wandering the halls will not be tolerated and will result in a teacher detention or referral.

LABORATORY SAFETY
When working in the laboratory, you will be required to follow all safety precautions:

1) Listen carefully and follow all teacher directions.
2) No eating or drinking in the lab. Never sniff anything or put anything into your mouth, unless instructed to do so.
3) No horseplay of any kind.
4) Pay attention.
5) Ask questions if you are unsure of anything!

Since sometimes open flames or chemicals will be used in the lab, it is important that you follow all of these guidelines in order to ensure your safety and the safety of others. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN YOUR REMOVAL FROM THE LAB AREA AND BANISHMENT FROM FUTURE EXPERIMENTS, NO EXCEPTIONS!

EXTRA HELP
If you are confused during class, it is important that you ASK questions so that I can help you. I will be available for additional help before or after school as well. Be sure to let me know that you are coming in order to make sure that I am available at that time.

You may also email me 24/7 at MrLittleScience@iCloud.com or contact me on Twitter using @MrLittleScience if you have questions or need extra help. All mail or tweets sent to these addresses get pushed directly to my cell phone so I can literally respond within minutes if I am not busy. These accounts are for school use only!

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK QUESTIONS (HOMEWORK, DUE DATES, ETC.) OR ASK FOR HELP! I WOULD RATHER YOU ASKED THAN BE CONFUSED OR MISS AN ASSIGNMENT!!!