**Earth Science**

**Teacher -- Ms. Vicki Smith**

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**Class Website:** <http://sharepoint.bath.k12.va.us/bchs/vickis/default.aspx>

**Earth Science is comprised of four areas of study: Geology, Meteorology, Astronomy, and Oceanography. The Astronomy unit provides an opportunity to study the origin, composition, and structure of the universe and the position of the earth in space. The Meteorological unit prides a study of the forces affecting our weather and the effect on the human environment. In the Oceanography unit, the student learns to identify the dynamic forces affecting the movements of ocean water and the physical features found on the ocean floor. The unit of Geology introduces rocks, minerals, and the forces that shape our planet.**

**3-ring Binder**

**Loose-leaf Notebook paper**

**Science BellWork Journals (2)**

**Pen/pencil**

**Simple Calculator**

**A Large Textbook Cover (please note that some covers are not big enough)**

**Earth Science Grading System for 2011-12:**

In Class Work, Homework & Quizzes: 40%

Interactive Achievement SOL Snapshots: 20%

BellWork Journals & Notebooks: 20%

Tests: 20%

A midterm exam and a final cumulative exam will be given and will count as 20% of your semester average. An Earth Science SOL will also be given in May 2011. Exam exemptions will follow the current policy of the BCHS Student Handbook.

**There are learning resources available online at our class web page** <http://sharepoint.bath.k12.va.us/bchs/vickis/default.aspx>

**And online at** [www.go.hrw.com](http://www.go.hrw.com)

**Earth Science Class Rules:**

* **You must have all appropriate materials and supplies at your table and be seated when the tardy bell rings. The door will be closed and class will start at the end of the tardy bell. Any student late for 1st period must check in at the office and bring a tardy slip to class.**
* **No food is allowed in the classroom.**
* **Drinks must have a lid.**
* **You are expected to adhere to the BCHS Conduct Code.**
* **You are expected to respect the people, equipment, and furnishings in the Science Department.**
* **You are expected to adjust your voice level to suit the current activity within the room.**

**If you choose to ignore any of the above rules, the consequences may include any of the following:**

1. **In class punishment**
2. **Phone call home and parent conference if warranted.**
3. **Discipline referral and corrective action as needed. (i.e. ISS, TEES, OSS, or other punishment deemed acceptable by the administration of BCHS.)**

**Rewards for superb behavior and academic achievement may include:**

* **Praise**
* **Class rewards**
* **Positive notes & emails sent home**
* **Homework passes**
* **Other rewards as allowed by the administration of BCHS**

**Students and Parents: Please review and discuss this classroom syllabus together. After your discussion, please sign below and return by Friday, August 26th.**

**Student’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Guardian’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**