**Augusta Raa Middle School**

 School Hours: School starts at 9:30 and ends at 3:50.

 Contact Numbers:

* Front Office 488-6287
* Guidance 488-7495

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 Website: **leonschools.net/raa**

**Course Title: Comprehensive Science III**

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**Course Description:** Comprehensive Science III integrates concepts from chemistry, Physics, Earth Space and Life Science. Basic scientific methodology, processes, principles, and laws for the four core sciences are address. Fundamental scientific concepts are introduced, illustrated and reinforced through guided questioning and discussion, laboratory investigations, data collection, organization, and analysis.

**Learning Outcomes for the Course:**

* Topic 1: Earth Sun Moon System
* Topic 2: Solar System and the Universe
* Topic 3: Introduction to Matter
* Topic 4: Solids, Liquids, and Gases
* Topic 5: Atoms and the Periodic Table
* Topic 6: Chemical Reactions
* Topic 7: Organisms energy and Matter
* Topic 8: Human Growth and Development (District Requirement)

**Required Materials:**

* Pencils (no mechanical pencils, please)
* Pens (Blue or Black only)
* Large eraser
* Composition book (2) no spirals
* Calculator
* Colored pencils
* Hand pencil sharpener with cover
* Filler notebook paper
* Glue stick (large)

**Grading Scale and Weights:**

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| Letter | Percentage | Quality Points | Grading Weights in Focus Gradebook |
| A | 100-90 | 4 | Assessments/Projects/Labs 60% of overall gradeClasswork 30% of overall gradeHomework 10% of overall grade |
| B | 89-80 | 3 |
| C | 79-70 | 2 |
| D | 69-60 | 1 |
| F | 50 | 0 |

**Citizenship Rubric:** At Raa Middle School, a high value is placed on integrity, responsibility, and self-discipline. Faculty and staff encourage development in these aspects of middle school citizenship. As part of the report cards, each student is assessed on the following rubric for each class. All students start each semester with a 3 in citizenship and must *go above and beyond* expectations to earn a 4.

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| 4  | Exceeds Expectations | * Always provides positive leadership
* Volunteers to help others
* Demonstrates a high level of self-discipline without monitoring from the teacher
* Actively participates and contributes to class activities
* Always on time with ALL materials and assignments
* Highest level of respect for teacher and other students
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| 3 | Consistently Meets Expectations | * Provides positive leadership and takes part in class activities
* Works well in groups and independently
* Demonstrates responsibility while working with others by staying on task
* Problem solves independently
* On time with materials and assignments
* Promotes positive relationships with teacher and peers
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| 2 | Does not always Meet Expectations | * Occasionally practices self-discipline
* Participates in some class activities
* Sometimes speaks out inappropriately
* Occasionally has difficulty staying on task
* Helps other students when asked
* Usually arrives on time to class with most materials
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| 1 | RarelyMeets Expectations | * Needs monitoring during independent work
* Seldom participates in class activities and is often off task
* Does not always follow teacher redirection
* Frequently speaks out inappropriately
* Engages in negative peer behavior that is distracting to others
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**Classroom Expectations and Rules:**

 Students are expected to:

* be responsible for keeping an up-to-date notebook and composition book
* come prepared for class each day
* retain all assignments that are submitted in case questions arise based on incorrect grading. Burden of proof depends on the student’s ability to produce the graded assignment in question
* obtain make-up assignment. Make-up work will be located in a designated location in the classroom
* study daily

**Classroom Behavior Expectations**

Students are expected to:

* enter and exit the classroom in an orderly manner
* sharpen pencils and seated in assigned seats, ready to receive instruction, before the tardy bell rings.
* refrain from bringing food, gum or beverages (water is exception) for consumption into the classroom. Eating in the classroom causes unsanitary situations. If food is sited inside the classroom for consumption, it will be confiscated and will not be returned.
* follow safety regulations as established by the teacher. It is very important for students to pay attention to safety procedures in handling and using equipment in the classroom.
* refrain from touching property belonging to others without permission.
* adhere to the school policy pertaining to communication and entertainment devices. Devices are not permitted in the classroom. If sited and/or heard, it will be confiscated as mentioned in the student handbook.
* remain in their assigned seats unless instructed by the teacher. This applies during the teacher’s absence.
* dispose trash at the dismissal of class. Walking around the classroom caused many disruptions.
* keep on mind that the teacher dismisses the class, not the bell.
* refrain from discussing problematic events that occur prior to class. Discussion of such events will cause the problem to escalate.

**Make-Up Work Procedure:** Make-up assignments following absences should be submitted 24 hours following the time received (adjustments may be needed based in the situation).

**Submitting Assignments:** Assignments are due on the designated date for submission. If the assignment is not submitted on the required date, the following will apply:

* 1 day late, 10% will be deducted before grading
* 2 days late, 20% will be deducted before grading
* 3 days late, 30% will be deducted before grading
* 4 days late, 40% will be deducted before grading

Assignments late after 4 days will not be accepted!!!!!!

**Academic Integrity**

Cheating is an unpleasant situation for all. Please use proper judgement when contemplating such an act. Cheating is class will be defined as:

* Looking at others paper when taking exams or quizzed
* Talking to others during exams and quizzed
* Failing to keep your answers covered during exams and quizzed deliberately allowing other student(s) to view
* Using any prepared material during exams and quizzes
* Verbatim copying (plagiarism) of work from any source without giving the author credit
* Sharing information concerning exams and quizzed
* Sharing homework or classwork

Consequences for all cheating will be:

* Loss of significant amount of points for the exercise in question
* Record place in teacher’s and student file for parent notification

**Technology Policy:** Raa and its teachers use several online tools to engage students. Before using any of the tools, we wanted to make you aware of federal laws and regulations that apply to the use of technology to support classrooms and require parental consent in order to be most effective.

FERPA

In order for a teacher to use an online tool with student records or other information that could be personally identifiable,

the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires that we obtain your consent to disclose your student's information

to the website's operator or to other participants for the limited purpose of accessing the online tool.

COPPA

In order for students to use these programs/services, certain personal information must be provided to the web site operator.

Under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), these websites must provide parental notification and obtain

parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. For more information on COPPA,

please visit <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtm>.

When technology resources are provided, please visit any of the websites to see what personal information the site collects. When an email address is needed, we will have your student use his or her District-provided email account when using these sites.

The attached Acknowledgement page will serve as your permission for your student to have access to the sites as well as your permission for us to upload your student's information into the application so that we can make the most of its functions.

The school or your student's teacher may add online tools to this list during the course of the year. When new online tools are added, parents will be notified in standard school or classroom communications.

At this time, consent is applicable to the following tools that will be using during the school year. This permission will expire at the end of this school year, and can be revoked any time.

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

**I understand the classroom policies and procedures for *Comprehensive Science 3 class*. I have read these guidelines, and I understand that I am responsible for following them, for keeping them in my notebook, and for sharing them with my parents.**

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Student Signature Date

**I have read and discussed with my child the guidelines for *Comprehensive Science 3* class.**

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Please return to your Comprehensive Science 3 teacher.