



Choosing Excellence Every Day

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WELCOME to the 2019-2020 school year from the SWIFT CREEK SCIENCE DEPARTMENT!

This year at Swift Creek the Science Department is excited to continue our excellence in science education. Our science curriculum includes material from Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and National Science Standards as well as the new Florida Standards.

We strongly believe that students should take the lead in their own learning through the use of scientific investigations and "hands-on/minds-on" activities. The development and implementation of scientific investigations is emphasized by the science standards and research shows its value in enhancing the growth of students' content knowledge. Since this approach requires a significant amount of lab supplies and consumable products, we are asking for your monetary assistance. Science lab fees enable us to continue offering an interactive science curriculum that incorporates the principles of scientific inquiry and engages students in the science program. All monies collected will be spent on consumable lab supplies for use in class and replacement or repair of damaged lab equipment. **Your student's science teacher will be collecting a small lab fee each semester.**

While students are expected to conduct themselves appropriately during all classes, it is especially important while participating in lab activities. **We will not tolerate a disregard for safety in the science classroom.** In order to provide the safest atmosphere possible, your child's teacher will instruct them in necessary skills and behaviors prior to each laboratory investigation. In addition, a Student Laboratory Safety Contract will be sent home with all science students for student and parent signatures. Please use this contract as an opportunity to discuss with your child the importance of safe and appropriate behavior in the science lab.

We are collecting a \$5 lab fee from all students to support the curriculum discussed above. Please send your child's science teacher a check (payable to SCMS with your phone number and student name included) or cash (exact change is appreciated) by Friday, August 23.

- If necessary, a small fee (\$2-\$5) may be collected during the second semester to cover additional consumable costs. We understand the burden of numerous fees on our families and in an effort to keep your costs down will only collect this second fee if absolutely necessary.

Thank you for your support; we are excited to share our passion for science with your child!

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