

Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Welcome to a new school year! Please feel free to contact me via email (kbradylong@srcs.k12.ca.us) any time you have a question concerning your student or their progress.

This course uses an Interactive Science Notebook. The concepts and routines around the notebook are based in cognitive and learning science. All notebook expectations are designed to teach both the content and to build strong study techniques for future success in any subject. A major component of this is reviewing prior work through color coding for important information and revising in class notes through formulating questions that foster higher level thinking and processing of the material and summaries. This notebook will reflect a substantial portion of your student's grade because it contains all of our notes, lab work, classwork, and homework.

99% of the time students fail, it is due to incomplete homework. Making sure that all work is complete in their notebook on a nightly basis is a great way to make sure they are on track. The guidelines for that will be sent home for a signature and then will be located in the front of your student's notebook for the remainder of the year. If your student is struggling, please find time to review their notebook regularly to help keep them on track. The notebook table of contents can be found at bradylong.weebly.com. We recommend bookmarking this page for the school year. It can also be found on your student's google classroom.

I believe it take a village to educate a child. While my specific role it to teach them science, I also believe I am teaching them how to be a responsible, knowledgeable, active citizen. That being said, this is a college preparation science course aimed at preparing your student for college. That means that I will be holding your student directly responsible for their work and behavior. I am available to help before school, advocacy, during lunch, or after school by appointment. It will be your student's job to seek the support they need.

I look forward to meeting you so we can support your student.

Sincerely,

Ms. BradyLong

Student name: _____ Internet at home: Y or N

I have read the parent letter and saw the materials list on the back.

Guardian Name (Print): _____ Guardian signature: _____

Guardian Email: _____ Guardian Phone Number: _____

Student Email: _____ Student Phone Number: _____

Question/comments/concerns (use back if needed):

Recommended Material for Success in Living Earth:

- 8 ½ x 11 Spiral Bound Notebook (1 subject, 100-pg)
- Ruler (with centimeters)
- Colored pencils or colored pens (please not markers)
- Glue (I recommend a large glue stick as we will be using a lot of it)
- Warm-up book (this can be a composition book or a smaller spiral notebook)
- Pen and/or pencil (pencil is recommended as this will feel like a math class at times)

****Students will need to be ready (with all their materials) by Monday, August _____**

If you are unable to get the supplies listed above, please have your student come speak with me immediately so I can get them the needed supplies.