

# Brookfield School

## Mr. Haufler's Newsletter → August 31, 2011

Greetings to all our parents, and to our new and returning students. Welcome to our new school year for 2011-2012. I will be teaching Science, Algebra, Geometry, and Latin for the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. I look forward to a full and exciting year of learning, fun (yes, school is supposed to be fun), and personal growth in each one of our students.

My classroom rules are based on The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz: Impeccability of Your Word (never lie or fib), Don't Take Anything (someone else says) Personally, Never Assume Anything about an idea (always ask until you're sure), and Always Do Your Best in everything, everyday.

Students will be given a bound composition notebook for each of my classes. They will fill it in like a book → Date and page/section in the left margin for each entry; start each new entry [seatwork (SW) or homework (HW)] on the next blank line. It will be a chronological history of what they did in that class all year, and **can be used as a reference on all tests**. Once it's full, they start a new one. Composition books are provided by Brookfield throughout the year. Students are required to have a Daily Planner in class, where they record daily HW, and this is brought to EVERY CLASS.

Daily SW (10 pts/day) involves discussing a new topic from the assigned text or the Internet, or a hands-on Laboratory activity. Daily HW (10 pts/day) is assigned for each class and is a continuation of that day's SW topic. The SW and HW for all my classes, as well as each student's daily progress, tardies, and absences, are posted daily on Snap Grades ([www.snapgrades.com](http://www.snapgrades.com)). Please e-mail me with both the parent's and the student's e-mail addresses at [kelpbed@pyramid.net](mailto:kelpbed@pyramid.net), so I can give you the student ID and Password for Snap Grades, and so we can keep in communication through the year.

Each student will do an individual Science Fair Project, involving an experiment using the Scientific Method, spread over several months, starting in October and ending in early March. They will present it at the Brookfield Science Fair, and the thirteen top Science Fair Projects will be entered in the Western Nevada Regional Science and Engineering Fair at UNR in March.

The Team-Building Ropes Course will be taken by the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades on Monday (until 10:00 p.m., dinner included) & Tuesday September 12-13. The 8<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Grade students will attend CIMI (Catalina Island Marine Institute → [www.guidediscoveries.org](http://www.guidediscoveries.org)) Oct 23-28 (Sun-Fri), and The Yosemite Institute (Yosemite National Park → [www.naturebridge.org](http://www.naturebridge.org)) Nov 13-18 (Sun-Fri). These are both six-day Science Camps, among the most popular in the country. Attendance at both CIMI and Yosemite will be based on academic and behavior standards.

Again, please e-mail me at [kelpbed@pyramid.net](mailto:kelpbed@pyramid.net) with your e-mail address. I am looking forward to a fantastic year with our fantastic students. Please contact me with any questions you have.

All The Best, Mr. Haufler