

Course Syllabus

8th Grade Earth Science

God's Design for Heaven & Earth Set (MB Edition) is designed to introduce students to the beauty of God's design both in space (through Astronomy) and here on Earth! We will quickly explore the wonders of our solar system through the Our Universe section of this book. Then we will fly back down to Earth and learn about the incredible features of the surface of this beautiful Earth through the Our Planet Earth section of the book. We will finish our studies by taking a closer look at the atmosphere above the surface of the Earth and the wonders found in the depths of the oceans through the Our Weather & Water section of our book.

Your student will further hone their note taking skills using the worksheets that accompanies the text. This is a very hands-on class, we will have many projects or experiments including a major project at the end of each section that will showcase all that we have learned! They will also have a section test at the end of each section that will remind them of exactly how much they have learned! Materials lists are provided for each section of the book.

Text:

- God's Design for Heaven & Earth Set (MB Edition)

Grading:

- Section Projects & Section Tests: 34%
- Unit Quizzes/Lesson Projects: 33%*
- Homework: 33%*

*The lowest 2 Homework assignments and lowest Unit Quiz/Lesson Project will be dropped each semester, for a total of 3 dropped grades per semester. **Extra credit will NOT be offered.

Expectations:

1. **Assignment Sheets:** You must read the Assignment Sheet at the start of every week. Please read the Assignment Sheet AND the assignment in Canvas **before** you email with a question regarding an assignment. It is the quickest way for you to get the information that you need as the instructor may not be able to respond right away.

2. **Class Etiquette:** Please be kind! I promise, if you participate, class will be much more enjoyable and go much faster. 😊

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3. Submitting Assignments: You **MUST** submit your assignments through Canvas ONLY!

4. Due Dates: All due dates are listed on the Assignment Sheets located in the Announcements section. ALL assignments will close on their due date! Extension can be requested by a parent per the FPA Handbook. Extensions are granted at the principal and teacher's discretion.

5. NO INTERNET USAGE! – Internet usage is NOT permitted in this course. Answers from the internet will be given ZEROS and will be considered “cheating”. The internet is a blessing and full of useful information, but it is also full of conflicting information that might differ from our book. You are free to give ADDITIONAL information, but the answers for this class can be found in the approved textbook ONLY!