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## Chemistry In The Community: Course Information

### WHAT IS CHEMCOM?

Welcome to Chemistry in the Community, better known as “ChemCom”. In this course we will learn about the chemical properties that govern our world. We will examine how and why substances interact. We will also study how chemistry fits into our society, particularly the environment. Along with whiteboard notes, much of our time will be spent doing labs, hands-on activities, and collaborative problem solving at tables. I expect you to work hard, have fun, and ask lots of questions.

### MATERIALS NEEDED EVERY DAY

- 1) Paper and pen or pencil.
- 2) Notes and folder/binder.
- 3) Calculator
- 4) Textbook -- this will usually be left in class, except when you have to take it home for homework.

### TYPES OF GRADES

- I. Tests & quizzes: We’ll have two or three tests per quarter.
- II. Lab Reports and Projects: Each lab group member must turn in an individual report; no “group reports”.
- III. Homework: Homework will be assigned most nights and due the following class to receive full credit. Homework will be checked in class or collected.
- IV. Class participation: This includes such things as being on time and ready to start, having proper materials for class, behaving safely in lab, making positive contributions to class discussion, and observing the “Three Second Rule”.

### STANDARDS FOR ANY PAPER THAT YOU HAND IN

- 1) Write your name on all papers. 1 pt. off if your name’s not on it.
- 2) Please do not use red ink.
- 3) Use complete sentences for EVERYTHING.  
-- Wrong: "Because the salt has dissolved."  
Right: "The solution is clear because the salt has dissolved."
- 4) Write legibly. I prefer printing but cursive is ok if you’re neat.
- 5) For labs, write partners’ names under your name.
- 6) For graphs and tables, use ruler and graph paper.

### DOING YOUR BEST IN THIS CLASS

In my experience, here are the three factors that determine how well you do in this class.

- Most important: **hard work.**
- Next most important: **being organized.**
- Least important: raw talent.

### GETTING HELP OUTSIDE OF CLASS

- I’m available most days after school. Check my schedule, posted outside this classroom.
- Email me at [mekrieger@aol.com](mailto:mekrieger@aol.com) or [michael\\_krieger@wellesley.k12.ma.us](mailto:michael_krieger@wellesley.k12.ma.us)
- Course website: [http://home.comcast.net/~michael\\_krieger/chemcom.html](http://home.comcast.net/~michael_krieger/chemcom.html)

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HOW EVERY CLASS BEGINS

- 1) Walk in, take a "Do Now" from the front desk, go to your seat.
- 2) Take out chem materials -- notes, folder, calculator, pen.
- 3) Put backback on windowsill.
- 4) Return to seat.
- 5) Hand in the assignment that is due today (listed on left hand side of whiteboard), or take it out so Mr. Krieger can check it.
- 6) Write down assignment that is due next (listed on whiteboard)
- 7) Quickly skim what we'll be doing today in class (listed on whiteboard)
- 8) Work on "Do Now".

I'm looking forward to a great year with you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Krieger

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Student Signature

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Parent/ Guardian Signature