



SCIENCE GRADE UPDATE

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hesitate.

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WHAT IS CHANGING IN SCIENCE?

In science class, your student will now be given specific and individualized feedback for every assessment they take in class. The feedback will include student strengths and areas of improvement. By providing each student with their area of improvement, it is my expectation that they use the comments to improve their comprehension and learning to master the subject.

WHY?

I admit that I was grading your students with points, percentages and letter grades before this. It is the norm, it is what schools do. However, I realized my students did not know what an "A" or "B" even meant. Your child is more than a number. So this is why I am giving them **individualized** feedback. As their science teacher, I want to equip them by wanting them to know what they know at a deeper level and where they have room to grow, improve, and try again.

WHAT WILL GRADES LOOK LIKE?

When you log in to Jupiter as a parent it will look different. Each assessment in science is going to begin with the words "Mastery Mission". It is called a "Mastery Mission" because the students will be working towards mastery of each content or skill taught in science. Your student's grade for each "Mastery Mission" will not be a letter or number. Instead, their grade will be **'WIP'** or **'MAS'**.

- **'WIP'** stands for Work In Progress. This means your student did not grasp all of the content/skill the first time they were assessed, and they have multiple opportunities to revise and try again.
- **'MAS'** stands for "Mastery of Standard". This means your student can think critically and apply their deep understanding of the science content/skills at an 8th grade level.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD GET SUPPORT?

This model of learning in science is set up for your child to succeed. Students can redo, revise or retake any assignment or "Mastery Mission" at any time before the end of the school year. Learning happens over time and I want to respect each and every child's learning style and learning pace. Students can work on their revisions in class and they also have the following options for 1-on-1 support with me:

- **Before school (7:40am) every day and at lunch (12:00) every day**
- **After school by appointment and Saturday Academy (Feb. 25th)**

