Science Binder Organization

Being organized is one of the first steps towards success in academics. For this reason, I am expecting you to keep your science binder very organized with 8 labeled dividers that will contain important documents from each science and technology unit. Notebook checks will be conducted periodically and count towards your grade. The more organized it is, the more points you will earn. Anytime a piece of paper is handed out in class, you will be told what section to put it in. If the divider has labeled tabs, it shouldn’t take longer than 5 seconds.

> TAB 1: "SCIENCE SURVIVAL"
  • This sheet! How to organize your science binder
  • A signed copy of the course syllabus/safety contract

> TAB 2: "INVESTIGATIONS"
Each science unit will have investigations and labs that should be kept here. When the unit is over, empty this section out.

> TAB 3: "MY SCIENCE NOTES"
This section is for notes taken in class and for homework on the current investigation. When the unit is over, empty this section out.

> TAB 4: "JOURNAL PROMPTS"
Each week you will be given a journal prompt to complete for homework. Keep them here and use them to help you improve from week to week. Never remove anything from this section.

> TAB 5: "GLOSSARY"
These pages will be alphabetized (like a dictionary) and you will add key terms to them all year long. Never remove anything from this section.

> TAB 6: "TECHNOLOGY"
This section will contain the current engineering project you are working on and will be emptied out as soon as it’s over and replaced with another one.

> TAB 7: "RESOURCES"
This section will have lots of different references, how-to sheets and other information that you’ll use over and over throughout the year.

> TAB 8: "EXTRA STUFF"
This section should have lined, loose-leaf paper and graph paper in it at all times.