

September 6, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you and your student had an enjoyable summer. My name is Nichole Mantas; I am your child's science teacher. I am excited and looking forward to working with you and your child this school year.

I have found that my students benefit most when they have an opportunity to learn through hands-on activities and experiments. This allows them to question "why and how" living things do what they do. Together, we will bring science to life.

It is important to me that your child feels confident in his/her understanding and abilities in science. I encourage my students to seek extra help whenever needed. I am often available after school.

I will do my best to share with you your child's successes, strengths and areas of opportunity during the school year. I would also appreciate hearing from you. Please feel free to call me at 518-328-5301 or e-mail me at mantasn@troycsd.org whenever you have questions or concerns.

In the past, my students and their families have found the following resources helpful:

- The Parent Portal (esd-parentportal.neric.org): Access your child's grades (I update grades weekly), attendance information, report cards, as well as district and building announcements.
- Our class website (msmantas.weebly.com): Find our class calendar, syllabus, shout-outs to commend student achievement and effort, copies of our notes, and other digital resources.
- Remind Message: Send and receive messages and class reminders from teachers. I actively use Remind. If you or your student would like to receive reminders, please text "@msmantas" to 81010.

So that we can best begin to contact one another, please complete and have your child return the bottom of this sheet. Please keep the top portion so you have my contact information. I will provide the course syllabus shortly; please have your child share this with you.

I look forward to sharing my passion for science with your child, and creating the foundation for our future scientist. Together, we can help your scientist have a fabulous school year.

Best wishes,



Nichole Mantas
Life Science Teacher

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Thank you for completing the information below. Please indicate your preferred method to be reached.

Scientist's Name _____ Science Period _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Name(s) _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

E-mail Address(es) _____