**Mr. Barker Introduction to Technology 7th Grade Course Overview 2013/2014**

**What will students do in Introduction to Technology Class?**

Throughout the course of the Quarter students will have an opportunity to participate in a Problem Solving Activity of Space and Rockets Technologies. Students will work on a variety of activities, assignments, and projects that relate to space exploration.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLASS**

A two pocket folder with brads, of any color – to be left in class

Notebook paper – to be left in their folder and used daily

Pen or pencil – to be used daily for writing assignments

2 liter Pop Bottle, Paper Towel Tube, Wal-Mart or grocery plastic bag – Pop Bottle Rocket Project

**Expectations**: I expect my students to pay attention and participate. I also expect my students to have a positive attitude and strive for success.

**Resources:**

**http://** <http://barkerstechnologyroom.weebly.com/>

**RPEMS Grading Policy (Aug. 2013)**

Students are expected to complete all assignments on time and submit on the date they are due. Homework is given as practice and to assure that students are building the necessary skills to master course objectives. We believe that meaningful work should be completed prior to taking any assessment. Our goal is to ensure that all students are reaching the desired grade-level standards that have been established for each course. Final grade calculations will be based on evidence of student learning such as in-class work and evaluative measures such as projects, quizzes, unit/chapter tests and common assessments. As mentioned, homework is assigned as practice and will not directly be factored into the students’ final grade.

Procedures for work acceptance and grading:

* 1. Students are expected to complete all assignments on time and submit on the date they are due.
  2. Assignments that are completed after the teacher’s assigned deadline will be expected to be turned in. The student and teacher will work together to coordinate a time to submit missing work. Missing assignments will be entered into the gradebook as “missing” which will be calculated as a zero until assignment is completed.
  3. When homework is assigned as additional practice, it is the expectation that students complete the assignment prior to the next class. While homework performance will not be included when calculating the student’s final grade, students who regularly fail to complete homework are more likely to struggle with mastery of course objectives as measured by class assessments and projects. The amount of homework assigned will vary by department. In addition, the amount of homework or practice needed may vary from student to student based on his/her individual learning progression.

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*SIGN AND RETURN THIS BOTTOM PORTION TO MR. BARKER*

**I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE INFORMATION OUTLINED ABOVE.**

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**PARENT SIGNATURE DATE STUDENTS NAME (print) BLOCK #**

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