

**Dear Student,**

I would like to welcome you to Marine Science! Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Mrs. Dixon and his is my third year teaching science. I have my Bachelor's Degree in Science Education. During my college coursework I worked with marine biologists at ORCA in Fort Pierce, FL where I developed my love for marine science. Before that I served 4 years in the United States Navy as a Jet Engine Mechanic. Science has always been a great love of mine. It is my belief that everyone would love science as much as I do if they were given the tools and opportunities to feel successful at it. Let's face it; no child says their favorite subject is the one that they do not know how to do well in!!! I strive to reach every student, every day by engaging them in hands on activities that will allow students to see results and feel successful in my classroom as well as science in general.

**Classroom Website:**

My classroom website contains everything about our classroom including handouts, news and a blog of current and interesting marine science topics. The site is updated DAILY to include all classwork assignments, homework assignments, extra credit, and parental involvement opportunities. I do take pictures of my students and I make sure that I 100% adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the district about posting pictures of your child online. I receive my information from the media release forms you have filled out with our district office when you enrolled your child. If **AT ANY TIME** during the year you decide to change your opinion on allowing your student to be pictured on my website please inform me and I will be more than happy to take down photos with your child in them. I do not want to offend anyone! My goal is to allow students to be "published" and give them a way of celebrating their success with you at home. I find that my students take a great deal of pride in their labs and love to see their work posted online. Each class will have a section of their own that I will be posting photos of our labs and activities! **Please make sure you express to me on the back of this form if you do not wish to have your child photographed.**

I am looking forward to a fun filled school year and plan on making science your student's new favorite subject! Please email me at [melissa.dixon@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:melissa.dixon@palmbeachschools.org) with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Dixon*

**Required Materials for Mrs. Dixon's Science Classroom:**

1. 2 college ruled spiral bound or composition notebooks
2. 12 pack of colored pencils
3. Pencils and Pens
4. Black permanent marker



**Mrs. Dixon's Website: <http://onebigoccean.weebly.com>**

**The overall grading breakdown:**

Assignment	Percentage
Classwork	40 %
Labs	30 %
Tests/Quizzes	20 %
Homework	10 %

**Note:** Students who miss any assignments or tests are given only **48 hours** to make up their work. Try to check my website when you know they will be absent to have your child keep up.

*"It is easier to **keep up** than to **catch up!**"*

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