

Welcome back budding scientists!!!

After a wonderful Summer break of exploring the world around you, it is time to bring your findings back to our Research and Development Center- The Mason Pilot School. The world has encountered a couple problems since we were last together and from the looks of it, we need all the insight we can gather to solve at least a couple of them, but it cannot be done without you!

My name is Ms. Rochalla Paul, and I am so excited to dive into Science, Technology and Engineering with you! This school year begins my second year as a member of the Mason Community, my first year as the Science Specialist and my tenth year as an Educator. I have served in various capacities throughout my teaching career and have taught learners whose ages range from Kindergarten to adulthood. As an advocate for lifelong learning, I endeavor to provide a safe, disciplined environment for our upcoming scientists to discover not just the world, but themselves and the importance of their individual contribution to society.

This school year, we will look through the lens of Earth and Space Science, Life Science, Physical Science and Technology and Engineering. We will also be introduced to the role of partnership in strengthening our scientific skills of inquiry such as observation, making inferences, conducting investigations, constructing models to test theories and making evidence-based decisions and conclusions.

In order to achieve our holistic goal:

- Our young scientists would be using the curriculum called FOSS and its accompanying texts. This is accessible via the use of the Boston Public School's Backpack website (also known as Clever): <http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/backpack> (See the Science, Technology and Engineering Section).
- Google Classroom and Class Dojo would also be used to keep track of progress and aid in communication.
- An accurate, sequential data flow of our thoughts and findings will be kept in the form of 'entries' in a structured Science notebook. I recommend using a 1-subject notebook.

Parents/Guardians, you are scientists too!!! In order to succeed, we need your expertise, knowledge base and collaboration at the Research Center - The Mason School and specially at the Production Base- The home. More details to follow. Feel free to let me know your preferred mode of communication...I look forward to our first mission!

Yours in discovery,

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