Dear Parents:

This school year, our science class will be piloting the use of Edmodo, a free and secure online learning platform where teachers and students can collaborate, share content, and use educational apps to supplement in-class learning. In this private learning environment that is managed by the teacher, students can only interact with others in the class. Edmodo provides a safe and easy way to support learning beyond the classroom, and help students develop important online skills.

 On Edmodo, students will be able to:

* Participate in class or group discussions that are monitored by the teacher (students cannot send private messages to other students)
* Communicate directly with the teacher to ask questions and get help with work
* Keep track of important due dates, events, and tasks
* Receive and turn in assignments and quizzes
* View missed work when absent from class
* Access files links and resources provided by the teacher
* Access Edmodo from any computer or mobile device with Internet capabilities and receive notification reminders via email or text (optional)

You may also sign up for a parent account on Edmodo, which connects to your child’s account. This is a great way to keep informed of due dates, assignments, grades, school events, and any direct communication between your child and me. To sign up for a parent account, you will need your child’s unique parent code, which can be found in your child’s account (on the bottom left of their home page). Parent accounts are not required, but I recommend signing up for one to stay engaged with your child’s learning experience. For more information about how to sign up for a parent account, please visit <https://support.edmodo.com/home#forums/20888720-how-to-sign-up-as-a-parent> .

In order for your child to use Edmodo, he or she must have your permission, and you must read and agree to the Edmodo Terms of Service (<http://www.edmodo.com/corporate/terms-of-service>) on your child’s behalf. You must also read and agree to the Edmodo Privacy Policy (<http://www.edmodo.com/corporate/privacy-policy>). Edmodo takes privacy seriously and has a User Trust and Safety team dedicated to protecting the privacy and safety of its users. The only information required from students to set up an Edmodo account is the teacher’s class code, their name, and a username and password.

Please review the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy with your child and note that these policies may change over time, so you should review them again when you or your child receives a notification that they have been updated.

To enhance learning activities, I may choose to use certain educational applications from the Edmodo Store. This digital content is offered by vetted third-party publishers who have their own privacy policies but are required to abide by Edmodo’s privacy policy standards.

I hope that your child will enjoy using Edmodo to assist their learning this year. You can learn more about Edmodo by visiting [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com)

I give consent for my child, listed below, to use Edmodo for science class activities.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please return by **TUESDAY 9th, SEPTEMBER**