Dear parents/guardians,

This letter is to inform you of a recent revision of grading practices in the middle school science department. The science department will now be using a weighted grading system, where 60% of the class grade will come from assessments (tests, quizzes, lab experiments, projects, etc.) and 40% will come from classwork and homework. The purpose is to new establish grading practices in order to reach the following goals:

1. Promote consistency in grading between teams.
2. Promote ongoing formative feedback to students.
3. Promote, to parents and students, credible and useful feedback that conveys the expectations and achievement of identified standards of knowledge included in the curriculum.
4. Ensure that grades are based on student achievement, knowledge, and skill proficiency demonstrated in the classroom through assessments, projects, experiments, and classwork, as well as homework.

We appreciate your support as we make this change at the beginning of quarter 2. Please realize that their first quarter grade will remain under old grading practices and will be recorded on their report card.

Thank you,

Northmont Middle School Science Department