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Dear Parents,

This year at Woodcreek Middle School, your student will be a part of an iPad digital science classroom. Students will use iPads for daily instruction to increase their engagement and channel that engagement to increase achievement. Students will be immersed in technology use daily and experience hands-on learning opportunities in virtual environments. Through utilizing interactive textbooks in the form of iBooks designed by classroom teachers and other digital apps, students will receive individualized learning experiences designed to meet their specific needs for each concept being studied. Students & teachers will be using Stemscoptes, Moodle, iAuthor, iBooks & Google Docs for content creation and submission to produce a fully digital classroom environment. The teachers will provide students the ability to become actively engaged in obtaining not only science knowledge but also learning and using 21st Century Learning skills - critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity and innovation. Teacher created units of study will feature problem/project based learning activities which will advance these skills.

This class will require that your child has an email account & learns how to use the following apps - Edmodo, Moodle, Google Drive, and Google Docs. These emails are provided by the district and are under strict restrictions. We will set up these accounts and will give you full access, with user names and passwords, so you will know exactly how these accounts are being used. Students will need to have access to a computer and the internet for an average of 5 hours per week. If you do not have a computer/internet at home, your child may make arrangements to use the library or my classroom before and after school. Weekly emails will be sent to keep you updated.

Attached you will find Humble ISD's Acceptable Use Policy , even if you have previously filled this out and turned it into the school the class teacher must have another signed copy. Students will not be allowed to access an iPad without both forms being signed and returned.

As this is not a traditional classroom setting, there are a few additional supplies. *Earbuds* are a requirement due to the numerous activities we will be conducting that require sound. A *stylus* is also recommended but not required. Also note that the class will still be collecting an optional *5 dollar lab fee*. We will be conducting the same amount of hands on labs as a non-iPad class.

I have read and understand the expectations of the science iPad classroom

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Telephone # _____ Email Address _____

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____

Date _____

Humble Independent School District Student Responsible Use Policy

We _____ and _____
 (Printed parent name) (printed student name)

have read the Responsible Use Policy, understand it, and agree to adhere to the principles and procedures detailed within. We understand and accept the conditions stated in the Responsible Use Policy and agree to hold blameless, and release from any liability, the Humble Independent School District, the sponsoring school, its subcontractors, and employees. We understand that the Responsible Use Policy may be revised by the district to respond to the changing environment of web-based computer technology; We agree to any revised conditions of the RUP as updated on the district website. (<http://humbleisd.net/RUP>)

We understand that a network user is expected to use good judgment and follow the Responsible Use Policy printed in the student handbook published by the school. We further understand that any student who violates any provision of the Responsible Use Policy will lose all network privileges on the Humble ISD network and may be disciplined, as appropriate, for violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

We also understand that displaying work on the Internet makes the work available for viewing by any person around the world who has Internet access.

Please initial the appropriate boxes below to complete permission for his or her participation in activities involving the Humble Electronic Network.

| <i>The Humble ISD Network consists of files and folders visible only on computers within a campus. This network is not available for public access.</i> | YES | NO |
|---|-----|----|
| Agree to use district computers and other devices according to policy | | |
| May access files and folders and store work on the district network | | |
| May access the Internet | | |
| May have their work displayed on the Internet | | |
| May participate in distance learning activities | | |

Parents signature: _____

Date: _____

Students signature: _____

Name of School: _____

NOTE: If any boxes are left blank or if this form is not returned to the school, it will be assumed that permission is granted. You must specifically initial and sign this form to deny any access.