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Dear Parent or Guardian,

There are two resources that you and your son or daughter will want to take advantage of this year which will help them get the most out of their Science education. These are our Linden 6th grade science web site and the District's student information system, X2.

All of our Science homework assignments as well as a great deal more information and links to resources are available through our class site. You can get to it through my X2 home page or—*better*—by going directly to [www.lindenscience.info](http://www.lindenscience.info). (I strongly recommend creating a bookmark to this site—you and your child will use it often.) Besides homework, there will be links to sites that provide additional information on topics we are covering in class and ways to practice what is learned, resources to help with classwork (for example, instructions on how to properly format citations and suggestions for how to take notes), notes to supplement those that are taken in class, and science news items that relate to our studies or are just interesting. I'll try to post most of the handouts given out in class and for homework so that you can see them or your child can print out a copy (in case they forget to bring them home).

All of my grading will be done online again this year and will be available to you. Many students and their parents find this a valuable tool. They have been able to see what assignments were missing, what the impact of each assignment was on their overall grade, and how quiz, class, notebook, and homework averages were trending. Every student and parent has their own user ID and password. To use this resource, follow the instructions you received from the District last year (or will get shortly).

I believe that if you and your child check and use these sites on a regular basis, it will improve their performance in our science class. Of course, if you have any suggestions for ways we can improve the class web site or comments on X2 don't hesitate to drop me an e-mail.

Sincerely yours,

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