

Your Science Notebook

First rule: It is yours! You enter materials to help yourself. Much of what you include and how you choose to present it is up to you.

Second rule: The right hand pages (with a few exceptions) are for information you are given in class (see below).

Third rule: The left hand pages (with a few exceptions) are for responding to and demonstrating your understanding of what is on the right hand pages (see below).

Left side requirements:

The left-hand page demonstrates your understanding of the information from the right hand page. You work with the input and interact with the information in creative, unique, and individual ways. The left side helps focus your attention and guides your learning of the science content and concepts.

What goes on the left side?

Output goes on the left side!

Every left side page gets used.

Always use color and organize information it helps the brain learn.

What *could* go on the left side?

- brainstorming
- concept maps
- pictures
- mind maps
- Venn diagrams
- diagrams
- drawings
- flow charts
- lab and self-reflections
- worksheets

Right side requirements:

The right-hand page is for writing down information (terms, concepts, vocabulary) you are given in class (input).

What goes on the right side?

Input goes on the right side!

Always write the date on each page and label each assignment.

Guidelines

- When the teacher lectures, you take notes on the right side.
- When you take book or video notes, they always go on the right side.
- Laboratory activities go on the right side.
- Any other type of input you get in class goes on the right side.