***Mrs. Shorette’s Classroom Contract***

***(please read all “contracts” in life… before you sign them!)***

This is the ONLY piece of paper you must turn into the substitute! I need to know that you know what to do in order to get your grade in Chemistry (or my one Physics) class.

**Why you have a substitute even though I’m here:**

As I mentioned (or you may have heard) Mr. Marcolongo is on a leave of absence for health concerns. He will more than likely not be back for at least two weeks. I was asked to take over all of his classes because the Chemistry department has the entire unit planned out and it was easier to put a substitute in my place, than to have his students be lost. Yes, I know for many of you having a substitute is a blissful day, but this is not the case. He left no lesson plans or anything for his students. His students don’t know what topic they are studying or how they are going to get a grade. (They have already had a substitute in their classroom for the past two weeks.) I’m sure you understand.

Again- Ms. Gaines is dedicating her time to be a long term substitute for my classes. All the material (worksheets, questions, bell ringers, quizzes, etc) are coming from me- they will ALL be graded in the future. If I hear that some classes are being disrespectful or not on-task I will have a lot more binder quizzes and labs will be taken away.

**Grades:**

Since I am over seeing ten classes with grading (my original five classes and Mr. Marcolongo’s five classes (times 40 students per class= ~400 students)) we will be doing grading a little differently this quarter. The reason you are signing this contract is so that you realize/ understand your binder is the most important thing in your chemistry/physics world. You will put every sheet of paper (bell ringers, worksheets, video worksheets, labs, readings) into your 3-ring binder. If you need to come get your binder from my class at anytime, please do not hesitate!

Again your binder will have all of your “soon-to-be” graded items in it. If you leave it in a classroom there is NO GUARANTEE that it will be there when you get back. Think about it- someone did all of the work how easy that would be to “disappear”. It would be in your best interest to take it back and forth to class! If you are really in a pinch (or don’t have a locker) you can keep it in my class. I don’t mind the traffic…I miss you guys!!!!

Your **first binder quiz** (me asking specific questions) about specific answers from a worksheet, bell ringer, or lab you have already done will be on **Tuesday, January 27th, 2015**.

**Handouts:**

Every handout you receive, you must put a NUMBER in the TOP RIGHT CORNER, then circle it. The substitute will tell you which page # to write on it. If you don’t keep up with the numbers come binder quiz time you will be at a loss for what question goes to what assignment.

**Absences/ Dog Ate My Worksheet** (I have one dog who really does like paper- he goes crazy during Christmastime…one time we came downstairs and he “unwrapped” half of the gifts- true story ☺)

Again, you are all welcome to my room at any time. I will still have the “Absentee Crates” in the front of my room in case you missed an assignment or your dog ate your worksheet! Don’t forget I also have my website!

WEBSITE (write this down in your notebook)- like usual all the assignments will be posted on my website at [www.kshorette.weebly.com](http://www.kshorette.weebly.com) or you can always link this site from the Rancho/teacher webpage.

**Behavior:**

Ms. Gaines has graciously stayed with Rancho as a long term substitute, specifically with our science department. Please treat her with the utmost respect as you have always shown me. You do not want a new substitute everyday- trust me your grade will suffer (and more importantly your learning). And, as you are learning, Chemistry is one of those subjects that build upon prior knowledge.

You are in Chemistry/Physics class. There will be no passes to the counselor’s office, random clubs, or other teacher’s rooms.

**Attendance:**

Ms. Gaines has assigned seats. Just like my class, if you seat is empty when attendance is taken you are not present. Also, Ms. Gaines has all my sign in/ bathroom books. Don’t try to “sneak” in late- I have always been fair about calling home if you are chronically tardy (like four times a week)!

**Side notes:**

It may take a day or two to work out kinks. I may be running down the hallway with worksheets hot off the Xerox machine or emailing Ms. Gaines something she needs last minute- please be understanding to both of us. I am not getting paid extra or any other perks to take on this chaos. If you ever go into the teaching profession you may also have the compassion that you do not want to see almost 200 students completely lost for more than four weeks because their teacher is out sick.

If you have questions ask…I’m not telepathic! (That would be a nice perk though!)

**You are agreeing that you UNDERSTAND what is going on and how to get a passing grade. (I need this copy (IT IS A GRADE), but feel free to print this out from my website- if you would like a hard copy). Thank you…you guys are all awesome ☺!**

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