**Welcome to 8th Grade Science!**

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Tools for Success:

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I am looking forward to a successful year with everyone!

Mrs. Rayna aRusso

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