

DEAR STUDENTS and PARENTS!

My name is **Olga Kosobokova (miss Olga, <https://schoolnova.org/nova/teachers>)**.

As we begin our journey together this September, I'd like to welcome you to my class! I've been teaching at SchoolNova for over 10 years, and every fall I feel very excited about seeing familiar faces as well as meeting all the new students!

My promise to you is that we are going to learn a lot (the **course syllabus** is available at <https://schoolnova.org/nova/scienceprogram>) and have a lot of fun using our knowledge during **two games** throughout the year. This is a **“talk and discussion” type of class** and I hope for active student participation and a lot of *relevant* questions from day 1! **Classwork presentation slides in pdf format will be posted** on SchoolNova website after each class (in most cases by the following Tuesday morning).

Homework is a very important part of our class; it will often include **posted reading material** to expand and deepen understanding of a topic discussed in class. Homework **assignments** (typically one sheet of questions) **will be distributed at the end of each lesson** and also posted on SchoolNova website. I strongly recommend my students to always review the current classwork material to ensure their homework goes smoothly. We will NOT be using Google Classroom for this class. **Homework needs to be handed in on paper** and will be returned with my comments for review by students. Students need to attempt at least 80% of assignments to be considered in good standing in this class and to be recommended to advance to the next level within SchoolNova Science Department. If you miss a class, make sure to go over the posted classwork and try your best to complete the homework.

SchoolNova calendar for the upcoming school year can be found at <https://schoolnova.org/nova/calendar>.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at kosobokova@schoolnova.org, and let us make this a great year full of discoveries!

Truly yours, Olga