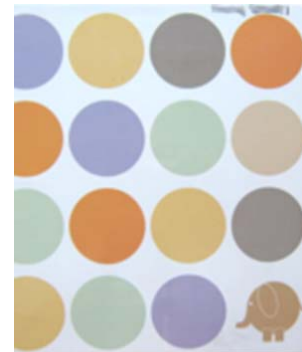


# Increase Student Responsibility With The Science Folder

If you could use more continuity in your science class, a Science Folder is a tool that will bring everything you do in your classroom, from day 1 to day 180, together. Don't worry if you've never made your students keep a science folder before. This explanation will be kept simple and will include lots of examples, pictures, and benefits.

The particulars of this Science Folder system weren't just dreamed up. Quite the opposite. It's been evolving for 14 years with real students in real classrooms. And it's still changing. But no matter what changes are made, it still has to:

1. Be simple
2. Keep students organized
3. Bring everything together in your classroom



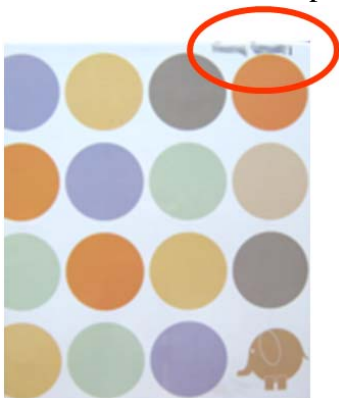
Actual student folder

## \*What Is It?\*

A good Science Folder is a hard folder (1") with rings in the middle and a front and back pocket. Flimsy cardboard folders will not do because they will only last a few months.

## \*Before We Even Begin\*

Before we even open the folder, let's start with the front cover. Pass out black markers to students and have them put their first and last name in the upper-right corner. If they



already have their name somewhere else on the cover, *they still need to put their name again in the upper-right corner.* Why? Two reasons-

1. It sends a message to the students right off the bat that you will be very particular about their Science Folder, and that everything has a place and purpose.

2. It ensures that every time you pick up a folder and look in the upper-right corner that you will see the owner's name. That may sound trivial, but you will thank yourself every time you are in a hurry grading folders and see that.