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Class: _____

Date: _____

Contract for a Personal Interest Project

AKA Do Next, or Independent Enrichment

Middle School Science – Mr. Shorr

Research and create an informational presentation using one of the formats below about any science-related topic that interests you. Before starting, check with Mr. Shorr to make sure your choice qualifies. **Make your presentation interesting for students your age.**

Past topics include: Earthquake Shake Tables, Lavender, Sokket, and Killer Whales. Here's a sample Prezi on Green Sea Turtles: <http://prezi.com/mg5v6du2-2lb/green-sea-turtle/>

YOUR TOPIC _____

PRESENTATION FORMAT *(Check one.)*

- **A two page essay** (double spaced, 12 point font), or
- **A 6-8 slide presentation** in PowerPoint, Prezi, or similar program, or
- **A 2 minute movie**, or
- **A poster, manga or other form of visual art.**
- **A 2 page magazine article (online or paper)**
- **Other:** _____

REQUIREMENTS *(Check each one when you've done it.)*

- ***Be thorough.*** Give us a really good understanding of your topic with lots of details and scientific explanations.
- Write it using ***mostly your own words.***
- When you quote others, put the words in quotation marks & cite the source.
- ***Research it*** on the Internet or in books. (Ms. Ellner loves to help.)
- ***Design it.***
- Include one or more ***illustrations, diagrams, or media*** (videos, music, etc.). (These help it become alive to the reader or observer.)
- ***List all the sources*** you used.
- ***Use correct spelling and grammar.***