

August 18th, 2010 Life Science (Day #1)

1. Welcome
 - What is one thing you will miss about summer vacation and one thing you are looking forward to this school year?
2. Disaster Drill Information
 - Tornado, Fire, and 'Lock-Down' Drills
3. Hand out books and get the numbers from the students
4. Go through the syllabus
5. Assignment
 - None

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6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Science Syllabus (Procedures and Routines)

A. Notebooks

You will need to have a notebook for this class. Notes will be taken and LABELED for all notes, labs and other notebook assignments. Notebook assignments CAN be used on daily quizzes. Procedures for completing notebook assignments will be discussed and practiced in class to ensure the notebook is done correctly.

B. Daily Quizzes

There are quizzes which go along with most of the reading assignments. Your notes and vocabulary CAN be used on the quizzes. The daily quizzes add up quickly. They are worth anywhere from 4 to 12 points depending on the amount of information assigned. Quizzes will be completed using the Senteo keypad system using the SMART Board. Everyone will be given a User ID which will give you access to the system

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C. Tests

The test will be made up of multiple choice, true/false, matching, fill-in-the-blank, and short answer questions. Each test will be worth 50-100 points. Test will be given after every chapter or every other chapter. More instruction will be given later on testing procedures. Lab tests/quizzes are common as well. (Senteo Keypads maybe utilized)

D. Lab Procedures

Labs are learning tools students enjoy the most. Following procedures in a lab setting is a must. Student safety is closely watched. Listening to instructions is something needed in every learning situation, but especially in a lab setting. Individual and group lab reports are intended during the lab. Each lab is different in nature, so different procedures must be followed to ensure safety and learning occurs.

E. Extra Credit

You will be able to earn up to 20 points of outside class extra credit per quarter. Extra credit points can be earned by finding articles from a newspaper or magazine dealing with the topic we are currently covering and completing a summary of the information. These summaries need to be 1/2 page in length, organized in paragraph form.

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F. Grading

All assignments will have a certain number of points each are worth. I do not weight different assignments. We will have anywhere from 500 to 700 point in any given quarter. Each assignment will have a certain number of points that will be part of the total. To get the percentage and grade at the end of the quarter, I will take the total points a student earns and divide that number by the total points possible to get a percentage. The percentage will be represented by a letter grade according to the following scale.

A+ 100	B+ 90-89	C+ 81-80	D+ 72-71
A 98-93	B 88-84	C 79-75	D 70-66
A- 92-91	B- 83-82	C- 74-73	D- 65-64
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G. Bell System

The school bell system is NOT for the students, it is for the teachers. The bell is an indication letting the teachers know when the class can dismissed or when all students should be in their seats working.

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H. Make-Up and Late Work

If you are absent, it is the student's responsibility to see me on what assignments are missing. There will be a daily agenda and any papers a student missed while he or she was gone. Three school days will be given to students to get make up done, unless there happens to be an extended absence. Any work not completed on time will be treated as late work. Work is late if it is not completed when it is time to turn it in. Late work will mean a pride check.

All of this information will be on my web site for anyone to view. Questions on anything in this syllabus can be directed toward me.

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