Biology

Mrs. Nameth

Rm. 322

Course description: Biology is the "Study of Life". It is a laboratory based science emphasizing the process of scientific investigation through the study of living things. The study of the cell, the basic unit of life, is systematically developed beginning with a study of the nature of the cell through DNA and heredity. Also, a detailed study of the six kingdoms of living organisms is made: Archaebacteria, Eubacteria, Protista, Fungi, Plantae, and Animalia.

Textbook: Biology: The Dynamics of Life

Course Outline:

The following is a list of the topics that will be covered in Biology:

Unit One:
What is Biology?
Unit Two:
Ecology
Unit Three:
Cells
Unit Four:
Genetics
Unit Five:
Evolution
Unit Six:
Life's Diversity
Unit Seven:
Plants
Unit Eight:
Invertebrates
Unit Nine:
Vertebrates
Unit Ten:
Human Biology

*Some or all of these units may be condensed due to time

Grades:

Grades will be based on total points earned vs. total points possible. Tests and quizzes will be worth more points individually than homework or lab work. However, we will complete more homework assignments than tests. For this reason, it is extremely important that you do not miss work and late work is not accepted. Turn in work ON TIME. If you are absent, you must come to me outside of class to get your make-up work and have it back within two days as per district guidelines outlined in the student handbook.

Please use the standard heading on the upper left corner of your papers:
Name
Assignment (pages & problems)

Tests/Quizzes Quizzes may be announced or pop. Be prepared. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter. A mid-chapter test may be given if the chapter is particularly long. Unit tests are also a possibility. Expect tests to include vocabulary as well as problems. Tests are a one-time event; do not plan on retakes. If you are absent the day of a test, it is your responsibility to make it up *on your own time.* I will not have you miss more class to make up a test. Semester and end of the year finals will be given on the dates and times that the district has scheduled.

Grade Reports: Grades are available online through go edustar. However, if there are ever questions about a grade, please ask.

Mercy Moments
Each student will be given 3 mercy moments per semester. These may be used to go to your locker or to the restroom. These can also be used to turn in late work (to be **graded for full credit). Any remaining at the end of the semester can be turned in for extra credit. Mercy moments are non-transferable and have an expiration date posted at the bottom.**

Additional Information

Seating Charts: students will be placed in alphabetical order at first, and then changed about every two weeks. Students are expected to sit in their assigned seats.

Students are expected to work up until 1 minute before the bell rings. There is no packing up early or lining up by the door. Also, the bell does not release you, I do.

Notebooks: students are expected to have a three-ring notebook that will contain only biology materials.

Tutoring: Mrs. Nameth has made herself available for extra help after school time (before and after school or by appointment). Simply schedule a time with me. Not having homework done because "I did not know how to do it" is not an excuse for incomplete homework. It is your responsibility to seek the appropriate help.

Contacting the teacher: Name: Mrs. Nameth
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I have read, understand, and agree to the guidelines and objectives that this class offers.

Student:
Signature_____ Date_____

Parent/Guardian:
Signature_____ Date_____

Phone:_____ e-mail (if applicable):_____