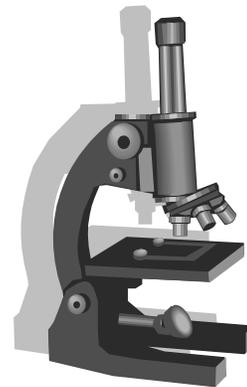


Seventh Grade Life Science Course Syllabus

Mr. Wilburn



Course Outline:

- Cell Biology
- Genetics
- Organisms and Adaptations
- Human Body

- Light Energy
- Natural Resources
- Ecology

The A+ Notebook

Organization is the key to success! You will have unannounced notebook tests periodically. There are three sections in your notebook:

1. Vocabulary
2. Class Notes
3. Class Labs/Activities

Keep all papers securely fastened in chronological order in your three-ring science binder. Do not throw away any papers. Clip all papers in the appropriate section of your notebook as soon as you get them.

Use of Planner

Each day you will write a science objective in your planner as well as any homework assigned. This will be a part of your notebook tests. If you are absent, you are still responsible for getting this information when you return the next day. The planner is your hall pass when excused from class.

Tests/Exams

Most tests will be selected response (multiple choice) and brief response (short answer). Tests will be announced in advance. A comprehensive final exam will be given in Late May/June.

Weekly Vocabulary Quizzes

You will receive two or three vocabulary words a day. These words are to be written in your notebook in the vocabulary section. **There is a vocabulary quiz every Friday on the words of the week**, unless we have a shortened week or an exam that week. All tests and quizzes must be made up within one week of your return to school or a zero will be issued.

Laboratory Activities and Breakage Policy

Science would not be complete without labs. You should follow all directions and rules posted in the laboratory. Each student must turn in a signed laboratory safety contract before participating in labs. There is an accidental breakage plan that you should consider purchasing for \$1.00 the first week of school. Lab equipment can be expensive. This plan protects you from one accidental breakage during the year under \$50.00.

Class Work and Homework

Studying is homework, too. Completing ALL class work, homework, and labs is the way to get the grade you want. It is always good to assume you missed a graded assignment any day you missed class. If you are absent it is your responsibility to ask for the missed work. If you do not make it up within the time outlined in the *Bear Facts Handbook*, you will be issued a zero.

Grading Policy

Your grade will be based on successful completion of all class assignments, homework, and labs. Tests, quizzes, and notebook grades will also be an essential part of your grade. **Incomplete assignments will be recorded as a zero percent.** Graded activities will be weighted according to the amount of time and content contained in each activity.

Academic Dishonesty

Copying of homework, looking off another's paper or sharing answers during a test or quiz are prohibited. Students participating in such an activity will be issued an office referral and will be subject to consequences outlined in the *Bear Facts Handbook*.

Parent Signature

Student Signature