

Welcome to Life Science!

**Goals and Objectives**

In this class we will grow our skills as scientists while working together to gain a better understanding of the life around us.

**Class Rules and Expectations**

**Materials You Need**

* Pencils
* Each student will be receiving a science notebook and a 2” 3-ring binder.
* Follow directions immediately
* Be respectful in body language, tone and word choice
* Be on time and ready to participate in class
* Stay in your seats unless you are told you can get up
* No eating or drinking in the classroom

 **What We’ll Study**

* The differences between the cells of plants and animals
* How genes and the environment can change the traits of living things
* Evidence of changes in living things over time
* The main structures and functions of plants and animals
* All about light!

**Absent Policy**

* Notify me **before** you will be absent if you know you will miss class.
* When you are absent, you will have **one week** to make up the assignment or activity for full credit.
* After one week, you can receive up to 60% credit.

 **Percent of Class Grade**

* Participation: 25%
* Tests: 25%
* Classwork:25%
* Labs:20%
* Quizzes and CFU’s: 5%

**Grading Scale**

100% - 90%: A

89% - 80%: B

79% - 70%: C

69% - 60%: D

59% and lower: F

**Behavior Points System**

Plus points are given for raising your hand, helping others, following class rules and many other ways!

Negative points are given for not following class or school rules, excessive trips to the restroom or breaking lab safety policies. Parents will be notified if their student receives too many negative points.

At the end of each week, the students with the most plus points in each class will get to select a prize! If an entire class receives all plus points for the entire week, that class will receive a bonus reward!

Parents will also be notified by phone call or e-mail when their student wins a reward for plus points.

Tear off this page with your parent’s signature and return it to by

**Friday, 9/2/11**

Student name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How would you like me to contact you?

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Comments or Questions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_