

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Biology

**Ms. Mouillesseaux**

**Course Objectives**

This course is designed to meet your first year Biology requirement. The purpose of this course is to promote understanding of the nature of life, ecology, cells, genetics, evolution, microorganisms, fungi, plants, invertebrates, chordates and the human body. Basically, my goal for you in this class is to gain a deeper understanding of how your body works, how the world around you works, and how all living things rely on each other and work together in order to survive.

**Classroom Procedures:**

**Attendance:** Regular attendance is necessary. I look forward to seeing and working with each of you daily. If absence is unavoidable, YOU are responsible for finding out what you missed. I will list what we do each day on Google Calendar, which is linked to my website. You may ask me if you have any questions about your missed assignments. Students will have two days for each missed day to make up work. **Be sure to write “make-up” at the top of your page so it won’t be marked late.**

**Tardies:** We will begin when the bell rings each day! Therefore, you will be expected to be **IN YOUR SEAT WITH ALL YOUR MATERIALS WHEN THE BELL RINGS!** If you are not in your seat and prepared to begin at the bell, you will be marked tardy and your work may be considered late. This means your pencil must be sharpened, your binder and books at your desk, and your homework out upon the bell. Tardies will be handled according to school rules.

**Behavior:** You are expected to come to class prepared, listen actively, participate willingly and behave in a manner appropriate to our learning environment. Eating, drinking, off-task talking, or out of seat wandering is unacceptable. You may chew gum; however, if I see or hear it, you will be required to throw it out. No throwing objects, applying make-up, fixing hair, wearing hats, or wearing sunglasses. In addition, cell phones are to be put away unless I’ve specifically asked you to use them for an activity. If your cell phone or chrome book is distracting you or others from learning, they will be confiscated. Finally, no put-downs are allowed in the classroom – that means yourself, your peers, your assignments, or your teacher. Respect is key to success in this class.

**Grading Policy:** Each assignment is given a point value. Quarter and semester grades are determined by graded assignments according to the following percentage of total points earned:

**A = 90-100    B = 80-89    C = 70-79    D = 60-69    F = 0-59**

Homework, class work, labs	45% of grade
Quizzes, Tests, and projects	45%
Final project	10%

**Note:** Assignments are DUE on ASSIGNED DAYS. Late assignments will be accepted, within reason, but will be deducted 50%.

**Materials:** Students are to bring each of the following items every day to class.

1. Three-ring binder with dividers.
2. Text book
3. Pen (blue or black ink) and a pencil
4. Colored pencils
5. Highlighter

**Laboratory Safety Guidelines:**

1. Wear appropriate protective equipment as instructed by the instructor
2. Be careful with glassware. Report any malfunction or breakage to instructor.
3. Notify instructor immediately of any injury. Know where fire extinguisher is located.
4. Never taste a chemical.
5. Never perform unauthorized work or experiments.
6. In case of spill, notify teacher immediately.
7. Treat all chemicals and equipment with respect.
8. Wash off chemicals splashed or spilled on or skin or body immediately and thoroughly. Remove contaminated clothing and notify the instructor.
9. Always clean up at the end of the lab.
  - a. Put away all equipment and reagents.
  - b. Wash hands with soap and water
  - c. Wipe down table
10. NEVER engage in any sort of horseplay during a lab

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**Contract:** Please cut off bottom portion, sign and return to indicate that you have read and understand the classroom rules.

**Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Student: (print and sign name) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: (print and sign name) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

