7TH GRADE LIFE SCIENCE SYLLABUS

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

* 2 8 1/2'' X 11'' spiral notebooks (1 per semester)
* 2 green 2 pocket folders with prongs (1 per semester)
* 2 glue sticks
* USB drive is strongly recommended
* see website for a list of other suggested items

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**

Quarter 1

* The Practice of Science
* Cell Theory and Cell Structure

Quarter 2

* Cellular Respiration and Photosynthesis
* Classification
* Genetics

Quarter 3

* Evolution of living organisms
* Body Systems

Quarter 4

* Ecosystems

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

Beginning of class:

* Come in quietly, take a seat, and look for instructions on board.
* Record any homework or other important announcements on the board in your daily agenda.

Bathroom/Water/office:

* To leave room, please use the bathroom and office PASSES hanging on the wall by exit sign.

End of class:

* Pack up and clean your area-throw out any trash and place your notebook neatly back in the proper crate.
* If you borrowed a pencil please put it back in pencil bin. Erase your name from the board.
* Lab Day- Tables will be dismissed one by one depending on how neat and tidy the area is on and around the tables*. Points will be deducted from labs when lab equipment is left out or not cleaned properly*.

Absences:

* There will be handouts available in class in the daily absent folder file boxes located on the shelf by the windows.
* You can also check your google docs account to access the life science folder for all notes, labs, assignments, etc. done in class.
* There will be a google calendar for each class on the SAA weebly page that lists classwork and notes done each day. You can check this calendar anytime and access the actual documents in your google drive.

**RULES/EXPECTATIONS:**

* No gum allowed
* Breakfast is done at 8:15 and snack time is from 10:00 to 10:05. There is NO snacking at other times.
* Water bottle only at desks for drink.
* Electronic devices are off and put away from 8:00 to 4:00 (no electronic devices at lunch)
* Speak and act with consideration for others: Teasing and bullying are not tolerated.

**GRADING SCALE**

Unit tests: 40%

Labs/chapter quizzes: 30%

Classwork: 20%

Interactive Notebook: 10%

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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