

LIFE SCIENCE

MRS. WOOD



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WELCOME PARENTS AND STUDENTS!! This year we will be learning all about living things and how they interact in the world around us. We will explore the topics of cells, the human body, evolution, natural selection, genetics, ecology, classification, and biomes. We will begin to think like scientists, asking questions, exploring phenomena, and conducting the steps of the scientific method. We will keep notebooks, have discussions, conduct experiments, and work both individually and in groups. I believe that science is one of the most interesting subjects out there (it's taking place all around us, every day!!) and I hope by the end of the year you think so too! I'm beyond excited to welcome each of you to this classroom this year and I can't wait to see what we can discover! Parents, please feel free to contact me anytime at the email listed above.

EVERYDAY CLASS SUPPLIES

- Pencil or pen
- 3 subject spiral notebook (preferably with divider pockets)
- If no pockets, bring a folder with pockets or save a place in a binder for loose papers
- Colored pencils

HOMEWORK

I do not assign extra homework. However, anything not completed in class for the day will need to be completed at home. You should also be reviewing your interactive notebook to prepare for tests and quizzes.

GRADING STRUCTURE

The grades for this course will fall into three main categories:

1. Standard assignments (interactive notebook activities, quizzes, labs)
~10-75 points
2. Advanced assignments (exams, minor projects) ~100 points
3. Project assignments (major projects)
~200 points

I assign point values to work based on difficulty and length of the assignment. I do not typically assign extra credit; however, I reserve the right to do so and may periodically throughout the year.

MORE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES...

ABSENT/LATE WORK POLICY

Late work will be met with a 10-point reduction for every day that the assignment is late. It is extremely important that students turn in work on time. It is also the student's responsibility to obtain work missed while absent. Assignments will be posted daily on my canvas page and hard copies of assignments can also be obtained from the absent files in my room upon return. Students should complete any work that was missed ASAP but will be given a max of two days to complete the assignment unless specific arrangements have been made with me. Tests missed due to absence will be completed on day of return.

DEVICES

Per school-wide rule, devices are not permitted in the classroom. Any student caught with a device in class will be asked to bring it to the office.

EXPECTATIONS

Consequences will be issued to students that choose not to follow class rules. I handle discipline issues as described in the Aaron Cohn Student Handbook and expect ALL students to help contribute to a respectful and positive learning environment. All students should enter class prepared with the essential supplies listed above in the class supplies section. Students should always be prepared to participate in class (discussions, labs, notetaking, etc.) and ready to do their best every day.

COMMUNICATION

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, cares, or concerns throughout the year. I prefer to communicate by my MCS D email listed above. I will also send text reminders for upcoming exams and due dates through the Remind app. This app is completely safe and free to use. Text the code "@mwoodbio" to 81010 from your cell phone to receive these notifications.