

Kuelbs Biology 2016-2017

Welcome to CP Biology! I am very excited to meet each and every one of you, and we have an exciting year ahead of us. In this class we will be focusing on biological concepts and processes in various living systems. This class will be challenging, but with a little hard work, you can all succeed.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS:) Be Respectful) Be On Time) Be Prepared) Cooperate with Others)
Participate) Be Positive

There will be many opportunities to work in partners and groups. While this can be a fun and rewarding experience for all of us, it will be very difficult if all students are not meeting these expectations. Please try to meet my expectations and work as a team! Rule violation may result in verbal warnings, parent phone calls, or a referral.

Textbook: McDougall Littell, Biology, 2007 edition

Course Content, by semester:

Semester 1 (Fall) Chapter Biological Organization 1, 3, 17 Energy and Matter 2, 4, 13 DNA 8 Cellular Division 5, 6 Semester2 (Spring) Chapter Genetics 6-7 Evolution 10-12, 17, 20 Population Ecology 15-16 Diversity of Life 18-27

Required Materials: EACH STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO BRING A FIVE SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOK. This notebook is only for biology, and you must bring it every day!

Grades: Your grade will be based on participation, warm-ups, homework, class work, tests, quizzes, projects, and lab reports. The grade scale is as follows:

90-100%A 80-89 %B 70-79%C 60-69%D 59% and lower.....F

Grades will be updated on Aeries after each unit test. I will also send home a score sheet after each unit with more details. PARENTS/GUARDIANS please review, sign, and e-mail me with any questions or concerns.

Haiku: All agendas, bellworks, class notes, homeworks, lab handouts, and exit tickets are posted on haiku. <http://mvusd.haikulearning.com>

Homework/notebooks: Expect homework each and every night! Completing your homework each night will ensure that you are keeping up with the class. Homework is due the class session after it is assigned, unless otherwise noted. Though homework will be checked daily, credit is not given for homework assignments until they are organized into a three ring binder at the end of the week. NOTEBOOKS ARE CUMULATIVE FOR THE UNIT; THEY ARE NOT TO BE COMPLETED THE NIGHT BEFORE A TEST! No credit will be given for an unorganized science notebook.

Attendance/absences: You are responsible for all work done while you are out, including labs and exit tickets. Please check haiku to see what you have missed. If a lab cannot be completed at home, I will have a makeup assignment posted on haiku. If you need an extension on notebooks, labs, tests, or

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projects due to absences, please send me an e-mail, otherwise you will be expected to have your work when you return.

Bellwork: When the bell rings, you are expected to be sitting in your seat, quietly completing your bellwork. This will be a short exercise that you should complete within five minutes. I will randomly call on students to share their answers. Keep your warm-ups until the end of the unit, when it will be collected in your notebook.

Laboratory Reports: In addition to homework, we will be doing many laboratory activities, investigations, and experiments. You will be expected to do background research, make a hypothesis, collect data, and do an analysis in your notebook.

Late Homework/ Lab Policy: Late homework will only be accepted if it is complete, and then only for half credit. Late labs will be accepted for one week after the day it is completed in class. After one week has passed, a late lab will receive a 50%. You will have a grace period of 1 week after the unit has ended to complete any late work. After this time I will no longer accept it.

Tardy Policy: Students who are tardy will be sent out of class to get a detention.

Tests: There will be a test following every unit. You will be allowed to make up tests in the event of an absence. **Students who receive a grade of a D or an F may retake their test before or after school to raise their test grade up to a 70% maximum.** Students may only retake the test if all work from the unit is complete. Please see me to learn the retake procedure and schedule an appointment for before or after school.

Quizzes: Occasional quizzes may be given at my discretion, with or without warning. Exit Tickets: Students are expected to complete an **exit ticket** on haiku before they leave. I will remind the class to take the exit ticket before you leave. If you take more than 2 weeks to complete the exit ticket, you will receive a zero..

Videos: We will be watching videos to enhance your students learning experience. Some of the videos that might be included are Planet Earth, and short documentary videos and educational cartoons from Youtube. We also might be creating short films that will only be viewed by staff and the students in class. By signing the syllabus you are stating that you are okay with your child being filmed for educational purposes only. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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