Biology and General Biology
Grading and Homework Policies
Mr. Seis

Welcome to Biology! In this class we will take a look at living things, how they function, and how they interact with each other. I have included an outline of the topics we will cover this year. This outline is tentative and could change as the year progresses.

Your grade will be determined by several factors. The most obvious is points you earn on homework, projects, labs, quizzes and tests. These points will be converted to a percentage and I will use the following scale to determine a letter grade.

A = 93 – 100%
A- = 90 – 92%
B+ = 88 – 89%
B = 83 – 87%
B- = 80 – 82%
C+ = 78 – 79%
C = 73 – 77%
C- = 70 – 72%
D+ = 68 – 69%
D = 63 – 67%
D- = 60 – 62%
F = 59% and below

I will also take effort and attitude into consideration when calculating grades.

One additional assignment in this class that has an affect on your grade is keeping notes. Being absent **is not** an excuse for missing notes. Notes will be collected at the end of every trimester, and will be worth points. This can be a nice bump to your grade at the end of the trimester, so you should take it seriously. If you keep up with your notes, it is really an easy assignment. Extra note sheets will be available and it is your responsibility to pick them up and get them filled out. Powerpoints for the notes will also be posted on google classroom.

We will use computers fairly frequently during this class. Failure to bring your computer to class is not an excuse for not getting work done. **Be prepared!!**

Late work will be reduced in value by one half. I will accept late work no more than three weeks past its due date, at its reduced value. Keep in mind that some points are better than none, so you should make every effort to get all assignments turned in. It is up to you to make up missing work. If you are gone, it is your responsibility to get the missing work. If you have an unexcused absence, you will not be allowed to make up any work from that day, unless you provide proof that it was excused.

Your trimester grade will be an accumulation of all the points you have earned during the trimester and a final exam.

Good luck, and I hope you enjoy the class!