

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to welcome you and your child to our class. I anticipate a very exciting year together. Our class is filled with activities and experiments daily. Below are some important things about my class in hopes of receiving your support for what we are doing.

Course Outline

Fall 2005

Plant Biology
The Cell and the Microscope
Human Reproduction

Spring 2006

Human Body Systems
Genetics
Evolution

Student Expectations

Students are expected to bring a pen, pencil, and paper everyday to class. Students are also to keep a portfolio of their work in a 3 ring binder and dividers just for this class. Occasionally, color pencils, rulers, and calculators are needed. Make sure your child has all of these items ready for class. If this is a burden please have your child speak to me privately and special arrangements can be made.

Students are also responsible for their textbook which will be issued around the third week of school. Lost or damaged textbooks will need to be replaced at your expense.

Class rules require all students to respect everyone and everything in the classroom. Electronic items, food, and drinks are not permitted. Students are expected to use the bathroom before or after class only. Continual behavioral problems will result in after school detention, parent phone calls, and conferences.

Grading

Academic grades are given strictly based on completing the class work, homework, quizzes, and tests. Homework is assigned four times a week and late assignments will not be accepted. Grades are posted in class weekly. The grading scale is A=100-90% B=89-80% C=79-70% D=69-60% F= 59% or below. Citizenship grades are based on tardies and behavior. Tardies can be made up by staying after school for 20 minutes. Students that need to make up work due to neglect or absences are responsible for meeting with me after school.

Activities

Each marking period will have at least one major project. Each semester we will also have a Family Science Night. It is a time when students get to show off what they have learned by being the teacher for the night. We are also planning a weekend camping fieldtrip. More information about these events will be provided in the future.

If you have time, you are welcome to stop by and visit. Please call if you have any questions or problems. It is your responsibility to check on your child's progress if you are concerned. For urgent concerns, you can leave a message on my personal cell phone 510-555-0607. I look forward to working together to help your child achieve high goals this year. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Mr. Cheung

PLEASE SAVE THE TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR CHILD

I have read this letter and have discussed its content with my child.

Period Student's Name Parent/Guardian's Signature Phone Number

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Cheung to know? _____
