

COURSE OUTLINE – BIOLOGY 2009-2010

MR. SCHMICKRATH

Class Rules:

- Be on Time.
- No Eating or Drinking in Class.
- No Gum.
- Quiet Work Time is just that. Use it!
- During labs, you will NOT misbehave!
- Do not get out of your seat without permission.

Grading:

Grades will be based on the total number of points accumulated in the various assignments.

- A = 100% to 90% and an Acceptable Science Project
- B = 89% to 80% and an Acceptable Science Project
- C = 79% to 70% and an Acceptable Science Report
- D = 69% to 60%
- F = Below 60%

Assignments:

Assignments will consist of a wide range of activities. These activities may include, but are not strictly limited to:

- ❖ Tests
- ❖ Quizzes (Mainly vocabulary and Notes)
- ❖ Labs
- ❖ Biology Notebook
- ❖ Cross Word Puzzles
- ❖ Videos
- ❖ Homework and Classwork
- ❖ Participation in Group and Individual Class activities
- ❖ 1st Semester, A Science Project
- ❖ 2nd Semester, Development of a “Body Newsletter”
- ❖ 2nd Semester, Development of a Biology/Ecology Newsletter
- ❖ Science “Jeopardy” Game
- ❖ Online Assignments (Internet Required, at home or here at school)
- ❖ Final Exam

Extra Credit:

There will be opportunity for some extra credit on an occasional basis. These will be announced in class. Also, extra credit is posted on my web site.

Homework:

Homework is due the next day, unless you have an excused absence, in which case it is due the day you return. Late work is accepted no more than one week late.

Group Assignments:

In some assignments you will work in groups. Sometimes I will assign the groups, and other times I will let you choose your own. Part of your grade in group assignments will come from an evaluation by the other members of the group, so make sure you pull your fair share.

Science Project:

You are required to do a science project. You cannot receive a grade higher than a “C” if you do not do one, and you cannot receive a grade higher than a “D” if you do not at least do a science report. The project (or report) is due before Christmas Vacation. That would be on OR before December 16th.

Newletters:

You will create 2 different Newsletters during the second semester. One will be a Biology/Ecology Newsletter (3rd quarter due on OR before March 31st), and the other will be a Human Body Newsletter (4th quarter). More information will be given later.

Internet:

I will post assignments and grades on the internet. My web site is: schmickrath.com
When there are assignments where you will need a printed hand-out, I will have them on the web site in **PDF** format. This format is a universal format that allows documents to be printed and look just as I created it, no matter what computer or printer you use. You will need **ACROBAT READER** from Adobe Systems to view and print these files. This is a **FREE** Program that can be downloaded from ADOBE.COM. I have a link on my web site that will take you to the proper place.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____