Room 105 - Life Science
Procedures and Expectations

Ms. Ware - teacher

Goals

• To understand the key concepts as defined by the CA standards
• To practice scientific inquiry through scholarly, active learning
• To cultivate a love of science

Expectations

• Be prompt
  – Get any papers from the back counter, be in your seat at the tardy bell, and follow the agenda on the board.
• Be prepared
  – Have a sharpened pencil on your desk and have any assignments ready

Expectations Continued

• Be polite
  – Raise your hand when asking questions or participating
  – Respect others including their space and property
  – During directed lessons, don’t get out of your seat without asking for permission
• Be productive

How to Begin Class

• Finish conversations outside.
• Get papers from back counter.
• Get out homework and a pencil.
• Read the whiteboard agenda and follow the directions.

How to End Class

• Do NOT pack up until told.
• Return textbooks to back counter.
• Clean desk and floor area.
• Push in chair.
Supplies

- 3 sturdy plastic folders with pockets to keep all of your papers neat
- #2 pencils (it’s good to buy a dozen)
- Box of colored pencils
- Loose-leaf paper 8½ x 11" - do NOT use smaller paper!
- 1 red grading pen
- Calculator
- Tape
- Post-its

Grades

- Grades are weighted
  - Tests - 55%
  - Labs, Projects, Essays - 35%
  - Participation - 10%
  - Extra Credit - 2%
- Usually 25 Question multiple-choice tests are given for each unit
- Your grades can be found online - Edline.net

Test Corrections

- If you don’t pass a test, you may complete test corrections during lunch, one time per trimester, to raise your test score to 70% if you earned a D on the test or to 60% if you failed the test. You need to have completed a notebook and a learning reflection to make corrections.

Extra Credit

- You can earn extra credit points by earning a C or higher on your notebook.
- You can earn bonus points for your test by writing well on your learning reflection.

Assignments

- All assignments are due the next day unless other directions have been given.
- Any class work not completed becomes homework.
- All assignments will be written on the white board in class as well as on the online assignment calendar.

If you are Absent

- Check the online homework calendar or call a study buddy for the class work and homework. Do NOT ask Ms. Ware!
- When you return, get the assignments you missed from the papers-to-be-returned file on the front table.
- To submit absent work: paperclip your work to your absent sheet and put it in the absent basket for grading.
Prepare for Labs

- Read the lab sheets carefully
- Take special note of safety instructions

Getting Ready for a Lab

- Tie back long hair
- Roll long sleeves above the wrist
- Remove dangling jewelry
- Wear shoes that cover the toes
- Put on protective clothing - goggles, apron or tee-shirt, and gloves

Work as a Team in Labs

- Help each other.
- Watch out for one another's safety
- Clean up spills immediately.
- Clean up all materials and supplies after a lab.

Wear your Goggles!

- Wear goggles for all dissections and any labs using chemicals.
- Never remove safety glasses or goggles during an experiment.
- There will be no exceptions to this rule!

Know how to use the Eyewash Station

- If you get a liquid in your eye during a dissection or when working with chemicals, you need to wash out your eye with an uninterrupted, 15-minute supply of water.

How to use a Fire Extinguisher

- Pull the Pin at the top of the extinguisher.
- Aim at the base of the fire, not the flames.
- Squeeze the lever slowly.
- Sweep from side to side.
Fire Blankets

- Fire retardant blankets are used to smother out a fire, can be used to wrap around an individual, smother a table surface fire, or smother a fire in a waste basket.

When Working with Electricity

- Always keep electric cords away from water.
- Place extension cords so they do not cause someone to trip or fall.
- If an electrical appliance isn’t working, feels hot, or smells hot, tell the teacher right away.

When Disposing of Materials

- Generally, liquid household chemicals can be poured into a sink.
- Dissections should be placed in a plastic bag and the dissection tray washed.
- Use a paper towel to clean the sink of any dissection remains.

If Glass Breaks

- Tell the teacher
- Do not use your bare hands to pick up the pieces
- Use a dustpan and a brush to clean up

Talk to Your Teacher Immediately When ...

- You injure yourself or see someone else who is injured
- You smell chemical fumes or something burning
- You are having trouble using your equipment

Clean Up

- Clean up spills immediately
- Put away all materials and supplies after a lab
- Wash your desk and hands
Ms. Ware’s Web Site

- For class work and homework assignments
  http://www2.mbusd.org/staff/pware/index.htm
- For links to
  - Assignment calendar
  - PowerPoints
  - Documents and forms