

Biology 2015-2016

Course Overview: Biology is the study of life. This course gives an overview of the science of Biology. High School level biology includes a lab and requires completion of a lab notebook. This course will concentrate on performing the labs included in the text during class time and reviewing harder concepts as time allows. Students are expected to do the reading, assigned questions and finish lab reports at home. We will issue a participation grade only. This will be based entirely on completing the assignments. We will NOT be giving tests in class or grading lab reports. We have provided a grade sheet on the back of the syllabus for the parents to keep up with the grades if parents would like to use it.

This course will follow the book and is taught from a creationist point of view. There is one chapter on evolution/creation and the science of creationism will be presented.

Text & Lab Notebook: We are using Apologia's biology book *Exploring Creation with Biology* edition 2, by Jay Wile and the companion Student Notebook. Each student must have their own text and either Apologia's companion Student Notebook which has a lab section or a 3 ring binder where your student write-ups his lab reports. If you plan to administer tests to you student there is also a test and solutions book available. It is usually cheaper to buy the text and text/solutions books as a package.

Fees: The class lab fee is \$30.00 this will include all specimens and everything the student needs for the class except a dissection kit. We will be doing 4 dissections in the spring and your student will need a dissection kit. We may be able to borrow enough and will look at that after Christmas break. This fee can be paid at the first class and MUST be paid by the end of September. Please make checks out to Alison Freeman.

NOTE: For your student to get the most out of this class, they MUST do the reading and the work outside of class; we will not be presenting all the information they need to know in class. If you (or your child) have any problems or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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