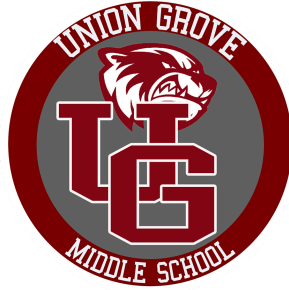


Seventh Grade Life Science



Union Grove Middle School

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Conferences (Appointment Only): Monday & Friday 10am - 11am

Course Description: The middle school life science course is designed to give students the necessary skills for a smooth transition from elementary life science standards to high school science standards. The purpose is to give all students an overview of common strands in life science including, but not limited to, classification, cells and interdependence of body systems, genetics, evolution, and ecology.

Course Outline and Pacing Guide:

First Nine Weeks: Classification; Cells and Interdependence of Body Systems

Second Nine Weeks: Cells and Interdependence of Body Systems; Genetics

Third Nine Weeks: Genetics; Evolution

Fourth Nine Weeks: Ecology

Rules & Expectations:

1. Be prepared for life science class. This means that you should have your pencil, paper, and completed assignments daily.
2. Respect others and their property.
3. Follow directions and stay on task for the entire class time.
4. Raise your hand and wait to be recognized before speaking or leaving your seat.
5. Be neat and clean up after yourself.

School Wide Grading Guidelines:

Percentage Distribution	Category	Description
40%	Assessments	Tests, cumulative, projects, performance based tasks, writing, final lab
20%	Midterm/Final Exam	Cumulative Assessment
40%	Practice work	Quizzes, standards-based worksheets, peer group work, practice/guided labs, notes, independent practice

Quizzes, Tests, and other Assessments: Students will have quizzes to help reinforce concepts. A variety of other assessments will be utilized to discover what the student has learned. This may be in the form of an exam, poster, timeline, digital, etc.

Laboratory Experiments (Labs): Labs will be conducted; lab sheets and reports will be completed for a grade at the completion of the experiment.

Projects: Throughout the year, projects will be assigned that may require some work outside of the class time. These are announced well in advance of the due date. A rubric will also be included for grading.

Make Up Work and Late Work: It is the student's full responsibility to turn in work on time and to be prepared to submit work following an absence according to school policy. A student will have three days to turn in work from an excused absence. It is the student's responsibility to check for any materials on the day he or she returns to school. If a student is absent on a day in which a lab was conducted, the student must schedule a time with the teacher to perform the laboratory experiment. In addition, late work will receive a 10 point per day deduction.

Tutorial: Wednesdays 8am - 830 am

Attendance: Regular attendance is expected of all students. Remember that if you are not in class, you are considered absent and are expected to complete all assignments issued.

Cell Phone Policy: All students are required to keep their cell phones in their lockers. At no time should a cell phone be visible. Please refer to the student handbook for further information.

I look forward to a great year! Please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the year.

Return only the signed portion

I have read the syllabus for this year's 7th grade Life Science class.

Student _____ **Date** _____
(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____