**BIOLOGY**

**Ms. Pederson Room 106**

Welcome to Biology! Throughout this course you will be learning about lab safety and equipment, basic chemistry, cytology, genetics, evolution, botany, zoology and ecology. This class can be as fun as you make it! The choices you will make in this class will result in either a negative or positive experience. In order to make sure your experience is a positive one and you are successful in my class, here are my classroom guidelines to follow:

**#1 rule is to be respectful in my classroom!!!!!**

**Bring your REQUIRED MATERIALS.** Bring the following materials to class **each day**: biology book (covered), pencil or pen and paper

**ENTERING THE CLASSROOM** . We enter the classroom in a calm, quiet manner. Sharpen your pencil if necessary and take a seat. Remember: Once the door is closed, you must be in your seat and working. (That means having the necessary materials out on your desk.)

**ATTENTION SIGNAL.** When I count to three and say give me your shoulders you are to face me, have your mouths closed and be paying attention.

**ASKING QUESTIONS.LEAVING YOUR SEAT.GETTING HELP** . Raise your hand and I will acknowledge you. Keep in mind that I am only one person and can’t be in multiple places at once so please be patient when waiting for help☺

**CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR.** Your responsibilities in this class are to: be on time, be prepared, be productive. All team members are expected to be polite and respectful to one another---and that includes the teacher. **No student will be allowed to disrupt the learning of his or her classmates. If you are disrupting you will be sent with a time out note to the Deans office**

**MAKEUP WORK.** When you are absent you are expected to make up any work you missed. On the day you return, check the appropriate folder for any missed work or ask me about any missed work before or after school. Another option is to write your name on a piece of paper with the date you were gone and then hand it to me so when you stop in at the end of the day I have it ready for you.

**CHEATING-results in an automatic F on that particular assignment or assessment. Parents will also be informed in certain instances.**

**END OF CLASS DISMISSAL. I dismiss you NOT the bell!**

**TARDINESS.** You are expected to be **in your seat** when I close the door. If you come in late and do not have a pass I will count you tardy.

**RESTROOM PASSES.** You are expected to use the restroom between classes. You may go to the bathroom during work time if need be but you must sign out in the sign out notebook. No one is allowed to the bathroom during instruction unless it is an emergency!

**No use of cell phones or any other electrical device!** Unless you have spoken with me prior. Otherwise if I see it out, it will be mine until the end of the day.

**Extra credit** is given to the class as a whole…the points they loose are based on their behavior and then added at the end of the quarter.

**Have fun with science!**

“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet” ~Aristotle