

LIFE SCIENCE - Ms. Hunt

Course Description

Life Science is the study of living things in their surroundings. Life Science is also called Biology. This year, we will learn about the work of scientists. We will study the organization of organisms including human body systems. We will also study bacteria, archaea, protists, fungi, plants, and animals and how they are relate to each other in ecosystems. Besides learning about living things we will also learn study skills to become better learners.

Materials and Organization

I expect each student to have a science notebook for the year to keep all science papers, notes, quizzes, and tests completed during each unit. They will need a 3 subject spiral bound notebook (college ruled), loose-leaf paper as well as a 1-1/2 inch 3 ring binder to hold it all together (like a cell wall protects the cell membrane). I expect each student to come prepared to class daily with their assignment planner, their science notebook (binder, spiral, and loose-leaf paper), science textbook, a writing utensil, a book to read when daily work is completed, as well as any assignments due for the day. I will give 4 hall passes per trimester to be used for leaving the classroom to gather any missing materials.

Absences

If class time is missed, the student is responsible to gather and complete any work that was missed. Check my website kmssciencehunt.weebly.com for what was done on the day(s) missed or contact your fellow classmates. I will be available **after school** to make up notes, labs, videos, quizzes and tests (make up time is NOT done during classes upon return... plan for this). Please remember, it is the **student's** responsibility to get caught up. I allow two days for every one day missed to complete absent work. After that time, no credit will be given for those missing assignments. Computers are available in the school library if you do not have internet at home. The "Hunt's Ramblings" tab is valuable indeed to keep up with daily work (and humor).

Behavior and Grading

It is important to have good conduct in a science class. Students goofing around and being inappropriate can get themselves or someone else hurt. In this science class, we follow Kalispell Middle School's guidelines for success:

Choose to be: **Respectful**
 Responsible
 Safe

My specific classroom rules are:

- Arrive on time with all your materials
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Follow directions immediately
- Work during all work times
- Raise your hand for permission to talk

Consequences for breaking these rules follow our student handbook leveled consequences (p. 9). The work ethic standard is a measure of how well students "do school." Timeliness, citizenship, and quality of work factor to a work ethic grade. Academic grades are calculated using content, concepts, and skills listed in the Montana State Science Standards. We use a leveled grading system of 4 (advanced), 3 (proficient), 2 (nearing proficient), and 1 (novice).

My website kmssciencehunt.weebly.com is the best resource for information on the standards, grading rubrics, additional science resources, and daily updates on the work in our class. I am usually available for questions or help after school, just call to make an appointment (751-3800) or e-mail me at school (hunt@sd5.k12.mt.us).

Student name (print) _____

Parent signature _____

We do NOT have Internet access at home

We DO have internet access and our email address is: _____