



THE MASTER'S SCHOOL

AP Biology

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AP Biology is a fast-paced, interesting, and challenging course. You will be expected to complete a great deal of independent learning throughout the year. During class times we will complete many extensive labs which will require you to think like a scientist. There will be regular writing assignments and lab reports in order for you to be able to communicate your understanding of the topics discussed in class. Be prepared to work hard and remain diligent through challenges! The most important qualities you must possess and demonstrate to be successful are diligence and organization. You will be well-prepared for the AP Biology Exam in May if you thoroughly complete the work expected of you in this course.

My goal is for you to be able to enjoy your summer and to come back rejuvenated; ready to embrace the work of the year. Relax and find opportunities to rest this summer, but don't wait until the week before school to start your summer work. I will check my school email periodically throughout the summer if you have questions. I can be reached at gleavy@masterschool.org.

During the summer you will be preparing for Unit 1: Cells and Biochemistry. This is an important portion of the AP Biology course and it will be the first unit we will cover. Your independent work will assist you in being able to discuss all the necessary information in class and prepare you for our first labs.

What will you need to complete this summer.

Textbook: AP Edition, Campbell, Biology In Focus Biology / Second Edition, Urry, Cain, Wasserman, Minorsky, Reece. The bulk of your summer assignment will include reading and taking notes/completing the directed readings on/for the first five chapters in order to prepare you for our class lecture times. This work along with the lab work will be due the first day of school.

What else do you need to know?

There is a Schoology course which you must join. Some assignments will be turned in here as well and vital information will be posted here for you.

- Schoology: www.schoology.com Sign up as a STUDENT and use the following code to join the AP Biology Course: **NGVQ-XD33-BK5DJ**
- You will download each assignment and complete it. Your work must be hand written or printed for credit.