

Mr. Forster's NGSS Fall 2021 Biology Class

Grading Scale

- 40% Classwork/Homework and Quizzes (Formative), 60% Assessments (Summative)
- Labs/Major Assignments may fall in Summative (will be announced ahead of time)

Homework

- Assigned most days but is typically to finish what was started during class time.
- Assignments one day late will receive 3 out of 5. Anything turned in more than one day late earns 1 out of 5 showing the assignment was turned in, albeit too late.

Textbook

- All students have a textbook but it is not used often.

How to Prepare for Assessments

- Daily Warm Ups-completed each day (3pts per day, turned in at the end of the unit). Answers are reviewed daily in a class discussion.
- Science Notebook (Student chooses how to organize). Students are directed to write down specific information from lecture notes and discussions.

Where to Find Information

- Blackboard class-see video for instructions on how parents can access Blackboard. Click the link below for a more detailed explanation of Blackboard and grading.
<https://youtu.be/msFRJITqN-M> (link is also found on my school website)
- Google Classroom-only used to turn in assignments. Your student can show you the log of assignments and it shows which have been turned in vs missing even prior to me grading them and entering them into their grade.

Grading Program

- Please use Homelink to keep track of student grades
- Assignments will be entered the day they are assigned (please check the dates).
- If it's not a red box, it's not missing it has not been entered (does not affect their grade)
- Assignments will be graded within a week, I do not wait until the last day and enter a bunch of assignments. If you are not sure, please email.

My class is set up for success. If all homework is completed, class is attended regularly, and students communicate with me/get extra help when needed passing is easily attainable.