WELCOME to PRE- AP Biology, Mrs. Esquivel, Room 6A

Welcome to Science Class! This year is very important to both you and I. The EOC test for Biology will be here before we know it. We will work hard to succeed and to accomplish our goals we must cooperate with each other by following certain class expectations and procedures. Let's work together to learn the most we can!

Class Expectations

The procedures are pretty simple.

- 1. Come to class on time.
- 2. Begin the start up activity (TPO and Brain Spark) immediately after entering class.
- 3. Lecture/ Assignment (journal/worksheet/activity)
- 4. Reflection (journal)

<u>Science Rewards</u>

To help enforce these policies, as well as encourage good behavior and work habits, you will be able to receive science tickets.

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- *100 on a test
- *working cooperatively during labs
- *working quietly
- *participating during class discussions
- *answering a challenging question(s)
- *other ways at teacher's discretion
- *TPO/BrainSpark engagement

Ways to use Tickets:

*omit questions on chapter tests (limit 3 per test) *erase a zero for missed assignment (15 tickets) *prizes (5 dollars)

*teacher answer on test (10 tickets) limit to two

Labs:

We will be doing various labs throughout the year in science. You will be warned two times ONLY for the year if you are breaking lab rules and safety. After the second offense, you will no longer be allowed to participate in the lab; however, you will still be required to complete the assignment in an alternate form.

<u>Journals</u>: Will be expected to be present everyday for class. This journal will complete the "meat" of your grades. It is part of your assignments on a daily basis so keeping up with its expectations is a MUST! More instruction will be given in class.

Quizzes:

Quizzes are given periodically throughout the six weeks over reading material, notes, lectures, and vocabulary.

<u>Tests:</u>

Tests are given at the end of each chapter covered, and/or a comprehensive test will be given at the end of each unit. Tests are a major test grade!

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<u>Retakes:</u>

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The student has the opportunity to retake a test in which they failed after school; however, it must be done before the six weeks ends. The highest grade that can be obtained is a 70.

Projects:

Projects are a major grade!!! A major project can be assigned each six weeks. You will have the appropriate amount of time in order to complete the project in an academically, high-quality fashion.

Homework:

Homework: Homework will exist if you do not complete the work in class or if it assigned for a particular topic. WORK WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE THIRD DAY unless arranged by teacher! -10 PTS every day until the third day.

*****Please do not hesitate to ask for help if you need it. I care about your success in science. **MISCONDUCT** will not be tolerated in my classroom. Together we can have a great year!!!

Thank you,

Alicia Esquivel Esquivela@oeisd.org 368-8661 ext. 254

Please fill out the information and return

*** There will be a separate Lab Safety Rules hand out that needs to be signed and turned back into the teacher. Thank you for cooperation.

Student Name:		
Parent(s)/Guardian Name:		
E-mail Address (parents):		
Phone number(s) best to reach you:		
mom	dad	
Parent Signature:	Date:	