**Ms. Ray’s 7thGrade Life Science Syllabus**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** During the course of the year, students will be involved in a variety of activities that include demonstrations, group projects, experiments, group discussions, and inquiry labs. The objectives of this course are for students to become lifelong learners, to embrace the world of science, and be able to think critically and scientifically.

**COURSE DETAILS:** The Big Ideas we will cover this year include:

* Basic Understanding
* Cells
* The Human Body
* Classifying Organisms
* Evolution of Life
* Ecology

**SUPPLIES:** Students are expected to have the following supplies with them daily.

* 5 Star–5 subject Interactive Notebook
* Wesley International Agenda Planner
* Pens/ Pencils
* Glue Sticks
* Colored Pencils/ Crayons
* Highlighters

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| **Grading Scale** All assignments are out of 100%. We are no longer using the IB Scale 1-8 for grading purposes.  | **Method Of Evaluation*** Knowledge & Understanding-30%
* Inquiring & Designing- 30%
* Processing & Evaluating- 20%
* Reflecting on the impacts of Science- 20%
 | **Grades Come From**ClassworkHomeworkProjectsQuizzesTestsNotebook Checks |

Guidelines, Procedures, and Policies

**THE WESLEY WAY:**

We act with integrity.

We practice compassion.

We reflect on our actions.

We embrace the diversity of our global community.

**MS. RAY’S GUIDELINES:**

1. Be in your assigned seat and working on the assigned opening when the bell rings.

2. Bring all books and materials to class and take them with you when you leave.

3. Follow directions the first time they are given.

4. Treat each person in this room with respect and dignity.

5. Once you enter my classroom you may not leave during instructional class time.

6. Follow *all* procedures and policies as outlined in the APS and Wesley International Academy handbooks.

**CONSEQUENCES:**

1. A Verbal Warning
2. Negative DoJo Point
3. Detention/ Silent Lunch/ Recess Removal/ Lab Removal/ Field Trip Removal
4. Call/Conference With Your Parents
5. Administrative Referral

**ABSENCES AND LATE WORK:** It is the **student’s responsibility to gather and make-up any missed assignments after being out of school for an excused absence.** Students will be given the same amount of days they were absent to turn in all assignments.

**HOMEWORK:** Students will be given two-three homework assignments every night Monday- Thursday. Homework is assigned in written and oral form and students are expected to document homework assignments in their agenda.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY:** Receiving or giving information for an assignment is cheating and when caught in the act students will not receive credit nor will they receive the opportunity to make up the assignment. ***Plagiarism is not acceptable:*** If a student takes information from the Internet or any printed resources without a citation, it is considered plagiarism and will result in a reduction in grade. **Students must not talk during assessments.** Any conversation during an assessment will be considered cheating. Any questions or concerns during the course of an assessment should be directed to the teacher.

**AGENDA:** The agenda is required for all classes. Students will record: Homework, Test Dates, Quizzes, and Announcements in agenda planners. Teachers will periodically use the agenda as a source of communication with parents. PLEASE check the agenda daily.

**SCIENCE FAIR**: All students are expected to participate in the Wesley International Academy Science Fair. Students are expected to work on projects at home while using their Science Fair Packets to guide them. Students will be given due dates for specific project components to check in and ask clarifying questions if needed. Students may use the library, creditable sources, any teacher or subject expert, and myself as a resource.

**August 24, 2018- Topic Due**

**September 7, 2018- Title, Purpose, and Hypothesis Due**

**September 28, 2018- Materials and Procedure Due**

**November 2, 2018- Results and Conclusion Due**

**November 16, 2018- Research Paper Due**

**December 3, 2018- Written Report Due**

**December 5, 2018-Science Fair Board Due**

**PAPER RULE:** Additional copies of worksheets will not be made. If students loose or misplace worksheets, it is the student’s responsibility to print and replace those worksheets before the given assignment is due. Students can find all worksheets on Ms. Ray’s website. [www.msrayscience.weebly.com](http://www.msrayscience.weebly.com)

Please complete the form below verifying that you have reviewed this syllabus and return the pages.

Student’s Name (Printed)

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Parent/Guardian’s Name (Printed)

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Parent Guardian’s Name (Printed)

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Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-Mail Address:

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Home Computer /Internet Access? (Circle one.) YES or NO

What is the primary language spoken at home?

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Does the student wear eyeglasses or contact lenses? YES or NO

Parent/ Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Syllabus Homework Assignment

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What are the names of the teacher’s on your team?
2. List the topics that will be covered in 7th grade science.
3. After an excused absence, whose responsibility is it for obtaining and returning missed work?
4. Where can you find assignments if you forget to write them in your agenda or lose important documents?
5. List the materials needed for science class.

1. How often will you have homework for science?
2. Are you expected to participate in Science Fair? What tools/ resources can you use to assist you with completing this project?

Student’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Return this page completed to Ms. Ray.