

Summer Work Note to AP Biology Students:

Dear AP Biologist:

We are so glad that you are going to join us for AP Biology next year. In order to “fit it all in “ we would like you to complete some summer reading and study prior to our first class meeting. This summer assignment will take you between 15 and 30 hours to complete, and covers a topic that is interesting to read and not that difficult to understand. Your time spent before we start class will allow us to have more time for the “fun” of Biology. The text that we will be using is Biology by Neil Campbell, the 7th edition. You must check out the book prior to your summer vacation exit from Legacy.

1. Read the chapters in the text that pertains to Ecology and Behavior. You may wish to take notes as you read. Be sure to study all diagrams and tables closely and read captions as well.
2. See the questions related to each chapter to help focus your reading and to make sure that you are studying the pertinent topics. As you read, answer the questions. Your answers will be collected the first day. Please come prepared to the first class meeting. Your completed summer work will help you on a quiz over ecology basics, the first week and on the Ecology/Behavior Exam during week 2.
3. Prepare written responses to the Behavior and Ecology essay questions. Each essay should be 300-500 words in length. These will be collected and graded on the first day of school.

AP Biology is a challenge and requires a lot of time, but the study of biology is quite exciting and we think you will enjoy this course. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,
AP Biology Department