

## Course Title: Marine Biology

**Teacher:** Mrs. Graham

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### Materials Supplies Needed for these Courses:

Students MUST have the following:

- [\*Apologia Exploring Creation with Marine Biology\*](#) Textbook
- Colored Pencils
- 1-inch 3-Ring Binder
- **5 dividers sectioned:** 1. Get Ready! 2. OYO Questions 3. Labs 4. Tests/Quizzes 5. Notes

Recommended but not required:

- [\*Apologia Exploring Creation w/ Marine Biology Notebooking Journal\*](#)
  - This is great for students who struggle with organization.
  - If a student is struggling with the required format for assignments, organization, or frequently forgets homework I will send an email requiring this is purchased.
- **Highlighters or Colored Pens for note taking**

### Overview:

Marine Science is a high school course exploring earth's marine ecosystem full of fascinating, even bizarre creatures. We will study them as well as the physical features of the ocean floor and characteristics of the tides and begin to understand how creation works and how we can help protect it while being good stewards of it.

### What you can expect of the Teacher:

- I will be professional, prepared, and on time.
- I will be available to you, the parent, so that our partnership will be successful.
- I will be attentive to each student and seek to develop their unique perspective as it pertains to problem solving as well as challenge them to achieve beyond what they have ever thought possible.

### What I expect of Parents:

#### I need Parents to:

- assist students in keeping up with the syllabus so that the work is turned in on time every week
- grade the daily homework and mark the numbers wrong across the top of the page
- check FACTS AT LEAST once per week and review your child's progress
- provide the necessary assistance when a student struggles (suggestions would be: 1. Help them with homework; 2. Ask questions; 3. Hire a private tutor if necessary)

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- occasionally proctor tests, online tests, and quizzes (This means making sure that they take these assessments with integrity and NO outside assistance.)

### What I expect of Students:

#### Students will:

- complete the weekly lessons and turn them in on time
- ask questions and participate actively in class—PLEASE contact me if you need help!
- not associate their worth with a letter grade Self-esteem should NOT be tied to letter grades. Studying science can be a great experience in tackling a challenge, learning perseverance, and maintaining a great attitude. All of these are terrific benefits regardless of individual letter grades on assignments and assessments. As a strong work ethic is applied skill level WILL go up.

### Grading:

Grades are given to a variety of assessments, tasks, and projects.

Grades are weighted as follows:

- **45% Tests & Projects**
- **25% Labs & Quizzes**
- **20% Homework**
- **10% Notebook & Get Ready!**

### How to Get an 'A' in this Class:

- Turn your completed and graded homework in ON TIME!
- Keep an organized notebook.
- Work consistently every day. Do not make it a habit to let your homework pile up or do it all in one day.
- Get help when you need it.