Exploring Creation with Biology 2nd edition

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Dear students,

I am looking forward to teaching you in science class this year at ACTS coop. The class is quite large, so it will be very important that you follow the ACTS coop rules at all times. You will be most successful in the class if you follow the syllabus and come to class prepared to learn and participate. I will be using the D.A.P. for any disruptive behavior or unexcused late homework.

Parents, please read pages iv-vi of the "solutions and test" manual and iv-vi of the textbook. This helps to explain the requirements of at-home study. The Apologia website is a great place to find links, more detailed explanations and other resources. http://www.apologia.com/bookextras the password is "Myfathersworld".

The textbook is divided into 16 modules. We will spend about 2 weeks on each module. As you follow your syllabus/schedule of daily reading, you will answer "On-Your-Own" questions in complete sentences on a sheet of paper titled "**On-Your-Own Module # ____**". At the end of each module, complete the "**Study Guide**" as if it were a practice test. To be sure you're prepared for the test, have your parents check it using the solutions manual. I expect to see corrections on the study guide, as it is a tool for identifying areas that you need to review. Once you are prepared, take the "**module test**", on your own and without the book for help. Turn in your work on the days scheduled, in a pocket folder, with your name clearly marked. When your graded work is returned to you, you should file it under the appropriate divider for each module. There will be a comprehensive final exam at the end of the year.

Lab reports will be turned in with the rest of the module work. I will provide each student with Biology Lab Report forms . These blank forms will also be available on the ACTS web-site. A formal "lab notebook" is not needed for this class, but you may bring a notebook for your own note-taking if you like.

Please bring the following items to class each week:

- General Science Textbook 2nd edition
- 3 ring binder with 16 dividers and plenty of loose-leaf paper
- Colored Pencils

Occasionally I may ask that you bring items from home. A clear 2 liter soda bottle and a glass jar (regular a pasta-sauce quart jar is great) are 2 items that you may start "saving" for later in the year.

I will provide a final grade for this course, unless you notify me that you do not want a grade.

Grades are calculated as follows: 35% labs, 10% homework and participation in class, 55% tests

Looking forward to a great year of science! Mrs. Bessette