

## Biology 1 Honors: Summer Assignment

Dear student and parents,

In anticipation for Biology 1 Honors at Shawnee Mission West, we've included some summer work to better prepare students for success in the course. Since this course is an honors course and has a brisk pace, it is necessary to make sure we are all on the "same page" as far as content goes. Incoming freshmen may feel a bit overwhelmed where we start, and may need a bit of brushing up on a few topics. In order to help these students, I have developed a website with summer topics that will be completed by *all* Honors Biology students and turned in during the first two weeks of classes in the fall. *Students will be tested and expected to show sufficient knowledge over these topics so that they can be ready for the first unit of information and labs.* This is best done over the summer to prepare, but I will work with new students during the first week to get them up to speed.

The website address for the summer assignments is:

<https://sites.google.com/smsd.org/summer>

The site address will also be available on the Counseling webpage. The site has pages for each of the three topics with links to assignments, notes, and projects. Reading topic presentations files first will provide basic information about the assignments the students are to complete.

**The website will not go "live" until the second week of June.** This affords me a couple weeks to get all the assignments uploaded and properly linked after the school year. Please feel free to check the site out, but not everything will be updated and officially working until then. Take a break for a couple weeks, and you can start your summer assignments then.

Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

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