

DMS EXPLORATORY SCIENCES

Animal Science - David Allison
Aquatic Science – Jarrett Bates

Dear Students and Parents,

We are excited to offer another semester of the Exploratory Sciences here at DMS. To begin the course successfully, we ask that you read over the following information. Please sign and return the signature page and a \$35.00 lab fee to the Exploratory Science instructor. If at any time you need to speak with the instructor, feel free to call.

817.949.5500 Mr. Allison - Ext. 5546 Mr. Bates – Ext. 5587

Student Behavior

Classroom rules and expectations fall under 3 categories:

Cooperation, Participation, and Respect (CPR)

The students will discuss behaviors that are included in each of these categories.

Basic classroom rules include:

1. Following directions the first time they are given.
2. Bring all needed materials to class.
3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
4. Be respectful to those around you.
5. Be in your seat and ready to work at the beginning of class.
6. Follow all school rules.

Severe Behavior Clause - Serious behavior problems will be dealt with accordingly and immediately!

(Refer to student handbook)

Detentions

Detentions will be assigned to the students to serve before or after school in a pre-determined location. The student will bring home the detention contract and must get it signed by a parent. This should be returned to the instructor upon serving the detention. Typical detentions will be 30 minutes long and students must be on time. Failure to attend will result in a doubling of the detention and then an office referral if the matter is left unresolved.

Grading Policy

Labs / Projects = 60% Daily Work = 15% Quizzes = 25%

Tutorials

Tutorials will be offered before or after school by appointment.

Materials

Students will be responsible for bringing the following items to class everyday: -3 ring binder with a set of dividers (4) with labels, notebook paper, pen and pencil.

Lab Fee

There is a **\$35.00** lab fee for each Exploratory Science course. This fee is to cover lab materials and support the wide variety of animals and environmental areas used to teach each course. Please make checks payable to Dawson Middle School and place the students name on check.

Please scroll down to the next page.

*Please print, sign and return the last page of this letter (page 3) .

Please complete and return this form and the 35.00 lab fee to the students Exploratory Science Instructor. Checks made out to DMS. Due on or before Friday, 9-2-11

Animal Handling Permission

Dear Parents,

As you may have heard by now, the Animal Science classroom is filled with a wide variety of exotic animals. While most of these animals are quite tame and accustomed to being handled by humans, there is always the chance that they may become startled and bite. Because of this, we would like your permission before letting your child handle any of the

animals. Students taking the oceans course will be doing several of their labs in the Animal Science classroom. They too may on occasion have the opportunity to interact to some degree with the animals. If you would like to stop by the classroom to check out the critters before you decide, please feel free to make an appointment with Mr. Allison. Let me assure you that all of the animals are cared for, clean, healthy, and properly caged. Safety of your child as well as the animals is of the utmost importance.

Respectfully,

David Allison david.allison@southlakecarroll.edu

Jarrett Bates Jarrett.bates@southlakecarroll.edu

Note - Please check one of the following:

_____ Yes, I give my permission for my child to handle the animals in the Exploratory Science Program at DMS.

_____ No, I prefer that my child not handle the animals.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____ Period _____

Teacher: Mr. Allison or Mr. Bates (circle one)

Period: _____

Semester: Fall or Spring (circle one)

Please write questions, comments, or information relative to students working around animals here. Use reverse side if needed: