

Welcome to Advanced Placement Biology!

Dear prospective AP Biology student,

We are looking forward to an exciting year of Biology starting this fall. You have decided to participate in a great class that is the equivalent of a college introductory Biology class. The work in this class is intense but rewarding! When you start to ask yourself why you are taking this class, remember how much you will learn about Biology and how much money you might save yourself! There is college credit available for the course through OIT (Oregon Institute of Technology), earning up to 12 university credits for only \$300!! (The same credits at OSU or U of O would cost you closer to \$2,000). More important than the money is the fact that you will learn very important study skills, lab analysis techniques and test taking strategies that will make you a stronger student once you arrive at your college of choice.

To prepare for our work in the fall, we would like you to take some time this summer to keep your mind thinking about science (but also give you time to relax and have a break!!). We hope you find these assignments to be both interesting and informative.

You can find links to all the summer assignment information on Ms. Fisher's webpage. You can access this page from the school website: <http://www.orecity.k12.or.us>. Go to Students, then Teacher Websites. Click on Kate Fisher, then AP Biology. You will see the assignments on this page.

The back of this letter gives an overview of the summer work. You will need to access Ms. Fisher's webpage for the individual assignments. Please be sure to read the assignment page carefully. If you have a conflict (such as vacation or other issue) please email one of us BEFORE the missed assignment so we can agree on some other resolution.

If you have questions during the summer, please feel free to email one of us at
kate.fisher@orecity.k12.or.us
kris.white@orecity.k12.or.us

Be aware that we will also be on summer vacation, so it might be up to a week before we respond to your email!

Have a great summer and we look forward to meeting you in September!

Ms. Fisher and Ms. White

PS. Since we don't know class schedules for the fall yet, you will email all your summer homework assignments to Ms. Fisher, even if you end up having Ms. White as your teacher in the fall. We will keep track of completed assignments together.