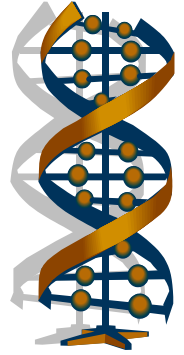


Dear Parents/Guardians:

My name is Mr. Mauro Alvarado. I am your child's Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) Biology teacher. I was born in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. I received my bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso in Biological Sciences, major in Biological Sciences and minor in Chemistry and Secondary Education.



Pre-AP Biology is an exciting class as students embark upon new adventures in the world of inquiry. This is a year of important transitions, as well as one in which acquisition of new skills is accelerated. In Biology, your son/daughter will learn how to use the scientific method, be safety conscious in lab and field settings, think critically about the natural world, solve problems and so much more. I hope to make your son/daughter's learning experience a fun and exciting one, and I hope to instill a love of learning that will last throughout your son/daughter's years of schooling.

So much happens in High school! Because of this, the year will be full of important transitions it is extremely important to keep in mind that we all build on small successes. Each student will progress at his/her own rate, acquiring skills as he/she is developmentally ready. Maintaining each student's self-esteem and building a secure foundation for future growth will always remain a priority in our class. Here are some ways you can help:

- Celebrate your son/daughter's success, no matter how small it may seem. This will keep your son/daughter enthusiastic about learning and proud of his/her work!
- Create an appropriate study space for your son/daughter at home. He/she is expected to review their class work on a daily basis and to read/study before each class period.

I am looking forward to a working with your child this year and helping him/her to achieve his/her full potential. Your son/daughter will receive a detailed student syllabus containing all course guidelines.

Sincerely,

*Mauro Alvarado*



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