

Summer Assignment for Honors Freshman Biology

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Bishop Fenwick High School

Welcome to Honors Freshman Biology at Bishop Fenwick High School. Because of your stellar HSPT scores in math and English along with excellent recommendations from your eighth-grade teachers, you are in a select group! Just like your other honors courses that undoubtedly you also got into, summer work is assigned. The purpose of the summer work for me is threefold. First, it gets us off to a fast start. It develops some self-discipline for reading your textbook and answering questions about what you read. Finally, it develops some critical science skills. This assignment is really relatively short. Here is the assignment:

1. You will read the first chapter of your textbook. I will send you a pdf by email of this by the end of June. No worries, it is short and not very long and a review of basic science skills along with some introduction into biology.
2. I will have a homework assignment of questions over the material you read. This will be sent with the pdf of the reading assignment by email by the end of June.
3. On the second day of class we will have a short quiz over the material. This will allow you to ask questions the first day and also get feedback on your homework.

Your study of these topic this summer will enable us to get a strong start in our biology course. I look forward to working with all of you this coming Fall semester!

Best,

Dr. Kirchner