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Dear 2014 - 2015 AP Biology students –

I am so excited to hear that you are planning to take AP Biology! I look forward to spending the year with you studying the wonders of biology. I am sure that you have heard that it is going to be a lot of hard work... but I hope you have also heard that it is interesting, challenging, and rewarding.

Summer is almost here. I hope you are having a good end to the year – and are looking forward to a relaxing and interesting summer vacation. However, I need to impose on your summer. There is a huge amount of material to cover in A.P. Biology, and not much time in which to do it. Therefore, I need you to do some work before the class starts next year. This should primarily be review, covering the chemistry section of Biology, as well as some concepts in ecology. In order to do this work you need to make sure you have the required books. Please be aware that this list appears twice on the MBS book order site (listed for the summer as well as for the regular school year)... of course, you only need to buy them once! While all of these are available through the MBS web site, you may be able to find them less expensively through other sites such as Amazon.com. There are also a few of this year’s students who are interested in selling their book: I will put you in touch via GoogleDrive. The books are:

- **Biology in Focus**, Urry et al, ISBN 978013310217
- **A Short History of Nearly Everything**, Bill Bryson, ISBN 0307885151
- An AP Biology review guide (such as those published by Barron’s) is recommended, but not required.

Summer work is due at the beginning of the first class after summer break. *It will count as your first test grade, and there will be no late work accepted.* Feel free to email or call me if you have any questions. My email is chibbitt@lincolnschool.org (I won’t necessarily be checking it every day over the summer), and my telephone numbers are home: 253-8945 and cell 524-3172 (no late calls, please!).

Have a great summer... I am looking forward to working with you in Bio next year!

Dr. Hibbitt