

## Homesteading 2021

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**Classroom: Rm. 415**

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**This Class:** This class is designed to help you become independent. Have you noticed the price of food rise lately? Have you discussed with your parents the consequences of this rise in cost? Do you watch the news? For the past several years, there have been concerns about GMO, pesticides, hormones and antibiotics, inhumane treatment of animals, drought, floods, etc. The dangers of eating factory farmed foods have risen in recent years. There IS a way to avoid these hazards. Grow your own food. Even a small plot of land allows one to grow veggies and fruits, keep bees and chickens, and maybe even a couple of goats. Over the course of the semester, we will be learning about the various aspects of growing and preserving our own food, natural building, home remedies, and a variety of other home arts topics and skills. In this class you will:

- learn how to plan, plant, and harvest a garden.
- learn the basics of beekeeping.
- learn homestead recordkeeping.
- develop creative and research projects for presentation to the class.
- read material related to the topics we study in class.
- learn a variety of other skills too numerous to list here.

### **Attendance and Participation:**

If you are not in class, or if you arrive late, you will miss material shared by the teacher and your classmates. Bottom line: **Your presence is necessary!**

Here's what happens if you fail to make attendance and punctuality a priority: you lose the two points you may earn each day just for showing up. If you are late, you lose one of those points. Excused tardies and absences are, of course, the exception to this rule. In addition to lost points, there is the added headache of finding out what you missed – information for which **you will be held responsible** – and making up the work. **Also, please make sure you have your iPad here and charged every day!**

**Please be aware that you are expected to be seated quietly, in uniform, with your phone stowed at the time of the bell to start class. Failure to comply with this request will result in a tardy. Note: a tardy becomes an absence after 15 minutes.**

**The Topics:** The plan is to study topics from the following list, but our study will not be limited to these:

**Beekeeping**  
**Gardening**  
**Chickens and other poultry**  
**Dairy animals**  
**Cheese making**  
**Natural building**  
**Small animal husbandry**  
**Soil science**  
**Food preservation**  
**Foraging**  
**Baking**  
**Home gift making**  
**Hydroponics**  
**Aquaponics**  
**Seed starting/propagation**

**The Projects:**

- 1) Each of you will be keeping a Pinterest board, a notebook, and a binder of articles for this class.
- 2) Expanded research project (paper and presentation).
- 3) Fall Festival booth (if allowed)
- 4) Farm Plan
- 5) Information Poster
- 6) Practical Project/handmade Christmas gift

**Grades:**

90 – 100% - A  
80 – 89% - B  
70 – 79% - C  
60 – 69% - D  
Below 60% - F

**Note: Look for grade updates on RenWeb.**

**In-Class Expectations:** There are some things that you should know about how class works. First, in terms of classroom behavior there is but one word you need to keep in mind: **RESPECT**. If we can agree on a working definition of respect, what it means in our class, there should be no need for me to correct you. If you need to be reminded, I'm happy to do that. **Cell Phones: Part of being respectful is doing your part to minimize distractions. Cell phones are not to be seen or heard in class.**