Samples from the Lab Portfolio of DelCastle High School

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GOALS

• Bring "real world" science into the classroom.

• Demonstrate that science is fun, practical and important.

• Engage students in hands on science.

The OSMOSIS Lab



Objective: Demonstrate osmosis by weighing decalcified eggs after submersion in varying concentrations of sucrose

PHOTOSYNTHESIS/CELLULAR RESPIRATION



Objective: Measure CO2 levels in a beaker with plants and/or animals in it, demonstrating gas exchange

WHAT'S IN AN EGG?



Objective: Run tests determining the lipid, protein and carbohydrate levels in various parts of an egg





Objective: Dissect Fertilized chicken eggs and monitor embryonic development. Use caffeine to see the effect of drugs on heart rate.

DNA Extraction Lab



Objective: Use H2O, NaCl, EtOH, and meat tenderizer to extract DNA from cheek cells.

The MR.POTATO HEAD Lab



Objective: Use "alleles" corresponding to features to create unique Mr. Potato Head characters





Reflections

- Teenagers are a difficult audience, heightened appreciation for high school teachers.
- Processing knowledge is unique to each student and individualized learning is very difficult to incorporate into a larger classroom.
- A little encouragement goes a *long* way!