

## Dear Students,

Although, according to many, I may not be considered a "true" scientist since I have not conducted formal research in a lab, I wanted to offer you the option of doing an independent study for class. An independent study can be described as a project designed by the student to pursue an area of study/interest not covered in our typical science class. This would not be an independent study in the traditional sense, whereas you solely work on the independent assignment without completing the traditional coursework. Instead, this would occur outside of school, during lunch, or after school. During these times I would be able to assist you in whatever studies you choose to pursue. For example, perhaps you want to enter a science fair and you need to design and perform an experiment; or, maybe you would like to research a specific topic in the field of science that interests you. Whatever the case may be, this would provide you with the opportunity to delve into something of interest. Since a structured classroom setting can limit your science experience, I would encourage you to pursue this challenging, yet rewarding task.



Sincerely,

Mr. Jones