Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in this class. Computer science is an exciting field and I look forward to our adventures together. I take the "AP" distinction seriously and teach the class as though it were a college level class.   Should the class be too demanding, students have the option to transfer to the intro programming class which is taught concurrently (thus no schedule change is required). Please review the following details about the class.

1. **Grades**
Course grades will be determined from weekly quizzes, final exam and labs.
- Bi-Weekly Quizzes (75%): Every other Friday there will be a cumulative quiz.
- Labs/Homework (25%): Each student must complete the computer labs and homework on their own, however students may discuss problems/approaches with one another. Labs will be checked randomly without warning.

2. **Behavior**
Students are expected to show respect to me and their peers. Examples of misbehavior are (but not limited to):
1) Bullying other students
2) Cheating – communicating with another student during a quiz
3) Cheating - copying labs and/or homework from a neighbor
4) Cheating - giving or receiving labs electronically from another student without my permission
5) using a memory stick without my permission
6) removing files from another student's folder
7) leaving trash in your computer area
8) inappropriate use of photographs
Any cheating violations will, at a minimum, result in the student's grade being solely determined by their quiz average.

3. **Computer Rules**
All work should be done in your own folder that is located on the desktop. You should not read or write to any other location on the machine. No external software (e.g., games) should be downloaded or copied from another device such as a CD or a memory stick. Do not change of System Settings for example, the desktop background. Violation of any of these offenses will result in loss of laptop usage.

4. **Contacting Me**
If you would like to communicate with me, please send me an email (gneat@gusd.net). Please DO NOT leave a message on my school phone number. To find out information about the class, check www.drneato.com and click on the "School" link.

Please acknowledge your reading and understanding of these rules by signing and returning the form below.
Thank You!

Parent Signature_____   Student Signature_____

Parent Email_____   Student Name_____