As we settle into the semester I wanted to bring up a couple of things.

1) Academic Honesty: Obviously, cheating is unacceptable at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. At the grad. level, any cheating, including plagiarism, is especially egregious given the level of trust required to successfully perform in a research group.

The office of student conduct was established to deal with these issues.


There is information on this website that describes how to refer instances of dishonesty to the honor council. If you need help with this, please let me know (note: I will help you, I will not do this for you). Trying to come up with accommodations for students caught cheating may simply pass the problem along to another faculty member.

2) FERPA: It is a violation of federal law to let students see the grades of their classmates. This means that graded material should be distributed to students in a way that maintains privacy. Placing exams, HW, etc. in the mailroom for students to pick up or in a folder taped to your door is in violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.