**Cardiovascular System**

**Lesson 1 – Vocabulary**

**Plasma** - the fluid in which other parts of the blood are suspend

**Hemoglobin** - the oxygen-caring protein in blood

**Arteries** - blood vessels that carry blood away from the heart

**Capillaries** - small vessels that carry blood between arterioles and vessels called venules

**Veins** - blood vessels that return blood to the heart

**Platelets** - cells that prevent the body’s loss of blood

**Lymph** - clear fluid that fills spaces around cells

**Lymphocytes –** specialized white blood cells that provide the body with immunity and protect the body against pathogens

**Blood pressure** - measure of the amount of force that the blood places on the walls of blood vessels

**Congenital** - a condition that is present at birth