Sample Norms and Expectations

Talk Science

in the Inquiry Project

1. Classroom Sample #1

- · Listen carefully to each other
- Show you are listening by looking at the speaker
- Build on each other's ideas (try not to repeat what somebody already said)
- · Give evidence for your ideas
- · Give people time to think

2. Classroom Sample #2

- Listen to each other and look at the speaker
- Speak loudly enough so everyone can hear
- Everyone needs to participate
- Connect your ideas to others, (explain, add to, respectfully disagree)
- Explain your ideas
- · Ask questions when you are confused or can't hear

3. Classroom Sample #3

Student Rights

- 1. You have the right to make a contribution to an attentive, responsive, audience.
- 2. You have the right to ask questions.
- 3. You have the right to be treated respectfully.
- 4. You have the right to have your ideas discussed, not you.

Student Obligations

- 1. You are obligated to speak loudly enough for others to hear.
- 2. You are obligated to listen for understanding.
- 3. You are obligated to agree or disagree (and explain why) in response to other people's ideas

Mason School Discussions

My responsibilities during discussions

I agree that I will

- Explain my ideas
- Listen to others and show that I am listening
- Ask questions when I am confused or can't hear
- Connect my ideas to others' (explain add to, respectfully disagree)
- Participate because all ideas lead to learning (speak loud and clear)

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