

MONTE VISTA CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PLAN

8TH GRADE SCIENCE

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Room: F-5

Course Description:

This year we will be exploring concepts in Matter, chemistry, Harnessing Human Energy, Motion and Forces, Thermal Energy, Magnetic fields, Light Waves, Earth Moon and Sun, Phase Change, Natural Selection and Evolutionary History. Time will dictate the depth that we can explore each area.

Course Objectives:

This course is designed to provide each student with an opportunity to learn the content for this age and the application of science in real life situations. Each student will be introduced to problem solving techniques and strategies typically used to find answers to real scientific questions. Students will have the opportunity to think like a scientist, not just learn what scientists have previously discovered. Using inquiry methods, each student will have tasks daily that will require imagination and research skills to complete. Teamwork is encouraged and necessary to be successful in my class.

Student Responsibilities: Be Considerate all the time.

- Be prepared for class each day. Have your chromebook charged and ready to go.
- Be respectful, responsible and safe at all times
- Be on time to class each day. Be in your seat before the bell rings.
- Have the right mindset when you enter my class in zoom or in person.
- **Be respectful to everyone all the time.**

- **Know and understand the school rules as well as the classroom rules.**

Classroom Rules: Be Considerate At All Times

1. Each student has the right to learn and the teacher has the right to teach; you do **not** have the right to interfere with this process.
2. All students are to remain in their seats unless given permission by your teacher.
3. All books, tables, and other classroom materials are the property of the school or the teacher and should not be written on or abused in any way, including chromebooks and resources provided by your teacher.
4. Your chair should **never** have **fewer** than **four** legs on the floor.
5. You must get permission from your teacher, to touch any animal or habitat
6. Nothing should be placed in the animal habitats without teacher permission.
7. All cell phones are collected when found or seen by the teacher and given to the office. No warnings on this rule.
8. Restroom visits require a sign out and sign in as well as leaving their phones in the basket during your restroom visit.
9. Please remove all head coverings, except for selected religious reasons, as you enter the room. No earbuds or other listening devices are to be used in class.

Classroom Consequences:

- I. Your teacher will usually provide a warning on the first offense. Usually.
- II. The second offense, same day, the student will receive a 15 min. detention to be served that **same day at nutrition or lunch**.
- III. The second offense within a week will result in a phone call home and another detention.

- IV. The third offense within a week will result in a phone call home and a parent teacher student conference will be set. The goal will be to solve the problem and create a positive pathway to resolution for everyone.
- V. If there are still issues that are not resolved, I refer the student to the administration, see student handbook for further details.

*Keep in mind that some issues require a faster progression through my classroom consequences. Also, detention from the administration or other classes **does not excuse** you from detention in my class. A missed detention will result in moving down further through the consequences.

Classroom Homework Policy: Please read the student handbook for school policy.

In my classroom, the homework assignments will be given daily along with all other assignments and is completed in class, usually.

Grading Procedure:

Class grades are calculated by points, each assignment has a value of points and you will be graded by how many of those you earn.

Tests and Quizzes	50%
Homework	10%
Class Work	40%

(Classwork includes activities, labs, science logs, simulations etc., completed during class or while I'm online with you)

What You Bring To Class Each Day: (in person): a prepared student will usually have the following materials with them regularly. Materials will be made available for students that do not have these items, you will not have to purchase them.

- Two or more pencils and a pen.
- Chromebook
- Lined Paper: Some days will require two or more pages of lined paper.
- Any work work from previous day(s) that needs to be turned in physically
- A calculator (an inexpensive one is fine)
- A great attitude: be ready to work and collaborate with peers appropriately