

## **Dear students and families,**

Welcome to General Science 2/3 at Mar Vista Academy for the 2017 - 2018 school year! My name is Ms. Kleespies and I will be your child's science teacher this year. This is my 3rd year teaching at Mar Vista and I am very excited to be here!

General Science 2/3 will be very interactive and hands-on, and will prepare your student for the courses to come in high school, college, and beyond. This year it is my goal to emphasize critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, engineering, and scientific literacy.

**Students are expected follow 3 simple class rules: Be respectful, be ready to learn, and be responsible.**  
Students are expected to:

### **1. Be respectful**

- Listen by being quiet and facing the speaker when he or she is talking
- Keep hands to themselves and away from other people's stuff.
- Refrain from shouting and/or making random noises

### **2. Be ready to learn**

- Bring Ipad fully charged and other supplies to class every day
- Have a positive attitude
- Be on time (in seat working on warmup when the bell rings)

### **3. Be responsible**

- Do your own work and learning
- Keep area/desk clean and free from trash
- Use your Ipad in class for science-related learning

Failure to follow these rules will result in 1) a warning 2) time after class 3) contact home. Serious infractions will be sent to the Assistant Principal via a referral.

Students will always be aware of their grade which goes by the standard based grading scale, which will be consistently updated via Jupiter Grades. Students are expected to keep Parents and Guardians informed of their science progress.

Students needing extra help may make individual arrangements to meet with me before/after school or at lunch. I also teach VSP after school when needed. I encourage you to contact me with questions/concerns at any time. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your student this year!

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