Classroom Norms for Thinking and Acting Like a Scientist

Everyone Participate
- Take a risk in sharing your ideas, even if you aren’t sure.
- Listen to others’ ideas and build on them.
- Use your everyday experiences to understand science.

Support Claims with Evidence
- Be prepared to explain your reasoning.
- Use the language of science when explaining an answer.
- Express your thinking in complete ideas.

Challenge Ideas but Respect the Person
- No put-downs.
- It’s OK to disagree.
- There is often more than one reasonable answer or way of thinking.

Revise and Rethink Often
- It’s OK to be incorrect based on your current understanding.
- It’s OK to change what you think based on your new understanding.