Science Talk Norms

STUDENT RIGHTS
1. You have the right to ask questions.
2. You have the right to be treated respectfully.
3. You have the right to have your ideas discussed but not you personally.
4. You have the right to be listened to carefully and taken seriously by your classmates.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
1. Come prepared for discussions.
2. Be an active participant and responsible for your own learning.
3. Discussions must be authentic and academically rich.
4. Push each other to think beyond the obvious. Challenge one another’s thinking. Request evidence or reasoning of one another.
5. Speak loudly enough for others to hear.
6. If you cannot hear or understand what someone says you must ask him or her to say it again.
7. Agree or disagree in response to others ideas (and explain why).

Sentence Stems
+ ADD +
- I like _______. It helped me understand _______.
- I agree with what _______ said about _______ because _______.
- To build off what _______ said, I think _______.

? QUESTION / CLARIFY ?
- I am wondering about _______ because _______.
- I heard you say _______. Can you tell me more about that?
- I am really surprised by _______. Can you explain this further or give an example?

Δ REVISE / CHALLENGE Δ
- I don’t agree with _______ because _______.
- I think I can see where you are coming from but I see it a bit differently. From our data _______.
- I wonder about _______. What is your evidence for this thinking?