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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! My name is Mario I. Rojas and I am your child's 8th grade science teacher. I am looking forward to an exciting year! It is my goal to provide all students with a fun, yet educationally challenging experience in my classroom.

This year, we will be touching a variety of topics in class, including physics, chemistry, earth, space, organisms and the environment. It is my goal to help reinforce students understanding of how scientific research is performed, to build students critical thinking skills, and to help students discover how science impacts their everyday lives. I have high expectations for your child, and I will do all that I can to help them achieve those expectations.



You can help! Please talk with your child about the importance of arriving prepared for school each and every day, with all of their supplies as well as completed homework. We have many expectations for our eight-grade students at Vela Middle School. One of the biggest is being responsible for assignments and actions. Your student is responsible for completing and turning in each assignment. It is essential that you follow up at home with assignments, projects, homework, correspondences, and reinforcing positive behavior. While we are learning from home, all students are expected to log in on time and follow proper remote learning etiquette.

I hope that your son/daughter is very excited about returning to school this year, as I am very excited to meet them! Please know that I am available to help students individually before school, during my prep period, and after school. To keep you updated this year on homework, assignments, project due dates, and schedule tests, I have created a class website that you can access at any time. The address is: <http://superscience8th.weebly.com>. If you have any other questions or concerns during the year, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by calling the school at (956) 548-7770 or through the Remind app. You can also contact me by email at mirojas@bisd.us.

I am thrilled to work with you and your child over the course of the school year. Beforehand, thank you for your cooperation and partnership in your child's education!

Sincerely,

Mario I. Rojas

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