Division 5 Blogfolios

Dear Families of Division 5,

This year, our class will be communicating our learning with Blogfolios and our class blog. Your child has a private blogfolio where they will share their thinking and learning over time, their reflections of process or products, as well as voicing what is personally important. This process accesses the Core Competencies of Communication, Critical and Creative Thinking, Personal Responsibility and Self-Regulation. One advantage of using this digital portfolio is the ability to have conversations about learning between students, families and teachers. My goal is to provide ongoing descriptive feedback to highlight accomplishments, evidence of learning and areas of learning to focus on for improvement and growth.

You can gain access anytime to your child's portfolio in two ways:

- Go to Ms. Carley's Classroom Blog (http://sd41blogs.ca/carleyk/) and find your child's name on the BLOGFOLIO page.
- Anytime your child publishes a post you will be automatically notified with a link on any of your devices that you receive email.

Access to blogfolios is through a private ID/Password. Please use this to view and comment.

- Your unique parent ID: (attached)
- Your Password: parent2000 (Please change this in PROFILE to your own password, using a minimum of 8 characters with numbers and symbols)

You can support your child's learning by:

- Regularly reviewing your child's digital portfolio with them
- Starting conversations with your child about items on their digital portfolio
- Posting meaningful comments and feedback on student portfolios

The sentence starters below might provide ideas for giving meaningful descriptive feedback that will motivate your child's learning.

- Under any of the posts will be a COMMENT link > click to open a box. You can record in any language.

Noticing strengths and growth

- I noticed you...
- This shows growth because...
- A few things you did really well here are...

Sharing curiosity

- I wonder...
- Have you considered...?
- Could you share more details about...?

Connecting and setting goals together

- The part I found most interesting was...
- You can practice this at home by...
- I can help you with this by...
- One thing you might want to consider for next time...

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. In December, we will be publishing several posts as a formal portfolio share, but our sharing will continue throughout the year. We are so excited to share our learning with you!

Ms. Carley