Dear Parent/Guardian

Our class is embarking on a journey to communicate student learning in a dynamic way through the use of ePortfolios. We invite you to be partners in your child’s learning process throughout the year. Your child has a private ePortfolio where [s/he] 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.

Our ePortfolios are secured behind a wall and held on Canadian servers in sd41. Access is strictly controlled and held between the teacher-student-parent. Content is owned by the student.

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

* Go to the school website > CLASSES > scroll down to your child’s teacher and open the classblog. Find your child’s name on the **ePORTFOLIO** page. Bookmark this for your reference.
* If you have provided an email: 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 ePortfolios is through a private ID/PW. PLEASE use this to view and comment.

**Your ID:**

**Your PW:** your default password is parent2000 – please change this to one of your own, or your child’s eportfolio password. Directions can be found on the Accessing your child’s blogfolio link.

**Tips on Commenting and supporting learning process:**

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

* Notice thought, capacities and growth.
* Connect with your child’s opinions, stories or ideas.
* Share your intellectual curiosity; wonder aloud.
* Encourage
* Co-conspire… “You are interested in spiders? Me too, here’s an interesting website I’m reading about spiders.”
* I noticed you…
* The part I found most interesting…
* A few things you did really well here are…
* One thing I’m seeing about your work is…
* Have you considered…

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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