FAMILY FEEDBACK PROMPTS FOR DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS

Tips for providing feedback on your student's learning

Encourage the process

Rather than commenting on the final product, focus on the process of learning that led up to the actual artifact to honour your student's work that came before it. Focus more on perseverance and your student's improvement over time rather than on their ability.

Have an open dialogue

The best conversations start when asking questions to spark thinking rather than by passing judgement. Consider what your student (or their teacher) was trying to convey by posting the artifact and use one of the dialogue prompts suggested below to allow them to share their perspective.

Avoid "yes" and "no"

Use open-ended questions that encourage your student to reflect on their learning. Try to give concrete examples when providing feedback so your student understands what you are referencing, and be mindful not to make comparisons to the work of others

Dialogue prompts to foster conversations with your student

Growth mindset

- I can see evidence of growth in…
- You used to… but now you…
- At the beginning of the year, you did not know… but now you…
- What strategies did you use to overcome…?
- What did you do to reach your goal in…?
- What do you think you could do differently next time to…?
- I know you found this work challenging, but look at how you…

Offering support

- Do you think you need some help with…?
- One way at home that we can try to help you is…
- How else do you think we could help you?
- How else do you think you could…?

Reflective practice & storytelling

- Tell me about this post …?
- Why do you think your teacher commented…?
- When you look at these two pieces of work, what do you notice?
- What are you most proud of and why?
- What do you like most about your portfolio/post?
- Can you explain your thinking?

Constructive feedback

- I am so proud that you are able to…
- I am pleased with how you did this work because…
- I am impressed with this work because…
- I can see evidence of growth towards your goal because…
- What I like about this work (post) is…
- I can see that you tried really hard to…