

FreshGrade Tips for Students and Families

During Remote Learning at Home



General

- Add evidence of student learning through FreshGrade Student (app or through their website) You will need the login info from your child's teacher
- Downloading the free student app to the device you will use to photograph/film makes life much easier!
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to continue to comment on student learning through FreshGrade Parent as they did prior to remote learning
- Carefully choose which pieces of evidence to add to the portfolio - *less is more*. Follow the teacher's suggestions or limit it to 2 posts per week
- Include multiple photos/videos in the same post vs. making a new post for the same learning activity (limit to 2-3)

How to

1. Open FreshGrade Student
2. Press "Add New" (green button) - either directly to their portfolio or an activity premade by your child's teacher
3. Select upload
4. Choose your photo or video from the "Photo Library" (your camera roll)
5. Student adds a comment about the photo or video
6. Press "Save"

Photos

- Take photos of the student engaging in a learning activity or of the work itself on your device (phone or iPad)
- Involve students in taking the photos as much as possible - try "hand over hand" for younger students
- "Bird's-eye-view" (holding the device directly above work) makes it easier to see/read
- Make sure the photo is not blurry - retake as necessary
- Edit the photo if necessary in the camera roll - crop background to highlight subject of photo

Video

- Short videos are a great way to demonstrate a skill, explain something, or reflect on learning
- Keep it SHORT! FreshGrade can only handle short video clips. Aim for 2 min or less.
- Students should practice what they will do or say prior to filming
- Hold device steady, reduce background noise, focus on subject

Student Comments

- Encourage students to make a comment in their own words about the work they are posting
- Younger students can use the voice text feature to compose their comment
- Reflective comments are great: "I am proud..." "This was tricky because..." "I noticed that..."