

# FRESHGRADE TEACHER TIP SHEET



## TO BEGIN WITH

- START SMALL TRACK OR DOCUMENT ONE SUBJECT LIKE MATH, SOCIAL STUDIES.
- MAKE IT PART OF YOUR CLASS ROUTINE, "FRESH GRADE" THAT! TO PROMPT STUDENTS TO DOCUMENT THEIR WORK, IDEAS AND REFLECTIONS.
- POST PROMPTS IN YOUR CLASSROOM TO HELP STUDENTS RECORD AND REFLECT.
- PURPOSEFULLY PLAN REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS.
- DEVELOP CRITERIA TO GUIDE MEANINGFUL REFLECTION.
- PLAN GROUP DESIGNATE WHO WILL RECORD THE LEARNING FOR THE GROUP.
- SET UP A DESIGNATED SPACE FOR RECORDING WITH GREEN SCREEN OR TEAM UP WITH YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN.
- USE TOUCH BLUR OR ANOTHER APP TO EASILY BLUR OUT STUDENT FACES IF NEEDED.

## PARENT SHARING

IN ORDER TO KEEP STUDENT WORK PRIVATE, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1. AS A TEACHER, CLICK THE ITEM THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE.
2. CLICK *EDIT*.
3. CLICK KEEP *PRIVATE*.

THE EASIEST WAY TO DO THIS IS WHEN YOU ARE FIRST UPLOADING AND SHARING THE STUDENT WORK AS A TEACHER. THERE IS A SLIDER BUTTON UP TOP LEFT HAND CORNER WHERE YOU CAN CHOOSE TO KEEP THE WORK PRIVATE UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHARE. THEN YOU CAN GO BACK AND SHARE SPECIFIC PIECES LATER. WHEN STUDENT WORK IS PRIVATE, STUDENTS AND PARENTS CANNOT SEE IT.

IT IS NORMAL TO FEEL APPREHENSIVE ABOUT SHARING IN THE BEGINNING. TEACHERS NEED TO BUILD COMFORT WITH USING FRESHGRADE BEFORE SHARING WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS. AS A GROUP, WE EXPERIMENTED WITH THE SHARING FEATURES BEFORE WE ACTUALLY INVITED PARENTS TO JOIN.

## ADMIN FEATURES

SOME FEATURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON THE iPADS. MARK BOOK, FILE MANAGEMENT, ETC. THE iPADS ARE GREAT FOR RECORDING AUDIO AND VIDEO. THEY ARE ALSO GREAT FOR APPS LIKE FLIPGRID, TELEGAMI, DOINK, AND OTHER PRODUCTIVITY APPS.

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

THE LEARNING SLIDESHOW FEATURE UNDER REPORTING IS VERY USEFUL DURING INTERVIEW TIME TO SHARE STUDENT LEARNING. YOU CAN SELECT SPECIFIC PIECES TO INCLUDE IN YOUR LEARNING SLIDESHOW TO SHOW GROWTH OVER TIME.

## ORGANIZING STUDENT WORK

- USE GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS TO SCAFFOLD STUDENTS RESPONSES & REFLECTIONS.
- POST FRESHGRADE PROMPTS ON THE WALLS
- CREATE FOLDERS IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO ORGANIZE YOUR DOCUMENTATION FOR REPORTING. TITLE AND TAG ENTRIES ON THE FLY TO HELP ORGANIZE STUDENT WORK.

## CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION AND SET-UP

CONSIDER SETTING UP A CLASSROOM CENTER FOR RECORDING AND DOCUMENTING. YOU COULD SET UP A GREEN SCREEN AREA WITH A PAINTED WALL (IN LEARNING COMMONS), A GREEN SHEET, OR PAINTED BULLETIN BOARD (PAINTED WITH BEHR SPARKLING APPLE FLAT MATTE) RELATIVELY EASILY. ALSO, IPAD STATIONS LIKE THE ONE BELOW ARE HELPFUL.



OUR CLASSROOMS ARE SET UP WITH SOLE STATIONS AND NETSUPPORT.



## SCAFFOLDS FOR LEARNING

- RIP3
- THOUGHTBOOKS

- FRESHGRADE PROMPT POSTERS
- GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS- IE. STEP INSIDE, LOTUS DIAGRAM, I-CHART, Q-CHART
- USE "TECH HELPERS"
- INTERACTIVE BULLETIN BOARDS (USE QR CODES)

