# 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

### <u>Video</u>

- 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..."