



Sullivan Elementary School

6016 – 152 Street, Surrey, BC V3S 3K6 • Ph: (604) 597-1977 • Fax: (604) 597-9320

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Division 6:

Sullivan Elementary has recently been rewarded an Action Research Grant related to Communicating Student Learning. The project focuses on utilizing FreshGrade and formative assessment practices to increase non-fiction writing abilities. Our goal for the remainder of the year is to take the feedback loop one step further and to include parent(s)/guardian(s).

We first want to thank you, the parent(s)/guardian(s) for all the support and comments you are already providing to your child through regular views and responses on FreshGrade. We believe with that parent/guardian responses can greatly influence student engagement, ownership, and confidence in their written work. Sometimes it can be difficult to come up with phrases or thoughts that will specifically support your child's growth in writing. Below you will find a list of prompts that we hope will help you get started.

Also, included with this notice is the writing rubric that will be used to assess non-fiction writing this term. Next term, I will provide the rubric for creative writing. The rubric will be used by myself and students to give descriptive feedback about what the writer is doing well and the areas that require growth. Questioning is also a valuable feedback tool. You may also ask your children about their work. The questions should encourage your child to think critically about an area they could modify to improve their writing.

Parent Prompts:

- My favourite part of your writing was...
- One of the areas you are really progressing in is...
- Your writing tells me...
- Your thinking shows me...
- Your next step might be...
- One thing you did well was...
- You might try...
- I could use a much clearer picture of...

Questions:

- Could you explain more about...
- What do you think you can do to...
- Why did you choose...
- Have you considered...
- What if...
- What is one way you could change...

Thank you,

Mrs. Schroeder
Division 6