

Parent Mode

1. The plan for this chapter will be to learn about: Parental feedback
 - Why it is important for the student to share her portfolio with her parents or guardians.
 - How parents can use this feature in their child's portfolio.
2. Parental feedback is an important part of working in ePEARL. Parents are encouraged to sit with their child and review her portfolio collaboratively. This will allow parents to track their child's learning and become actively involved in their child's education through the provision of feedback on any piece of work.
3. Let's get started! Let's explore Meg's portfolio by clicking on **Parent Mode** on her homepage. Now we are in Megan's homepage in Parent mode. Meg's homepage is in view mode: you will notice that all edit icons are turned off. Parents cannot edit the student work in the portfolio. However, the Parent Feedback box is active. The student will show her projects and the parent or guardian can add their comments on each one.
4. Encourage parents to add comments throughout the year, and the software will date each individual comment separately. The software will include the data of the most recent comment only. Parents can edit their comments in this box and click the **save** button at the bottom. By clicking on **Student Mode**, Megan will come back to her homepage.
5. The Parent Mode feature is also available from the artifacts index page so a student could go through each piece of work with their parents and receive feedback.
6. Let's click on « Marie Antoinette ». This is the feedback on Meg's piece of work. When parents are finished they click on the **green X** to return to all artifacts. Finally, a student clicks on **Student Mode** to come back to her work page.
7. Reflecting: How can you stimulate parents' participation?
 - Explain to parents the use of this tool in terms of pedagogy and technology
 - Send written suggestions of possible feedback comments
 - Provide parents with suggestions for times in the year that would be helpful for them to sit with their children to review their portfolio.

- Send home the parent guide from the resource page to assist them in navigating the portfolio
8. During this chapter you learned about parental feedback:
- Why it is important for the student to share her portfolio with her parents or guardians.
 - How parents use this feature in their child's portfolio
- Now it's your turn! Open your demo account and practice it by yourself.
You can also print the instructions by clicking on the **print** icon.