

A Commenters Responsibilities

As a commenter, I will participate responsibly in online conversation by:

- treating all bloggers with **respect**.
- seeking first to **understand** what is being said.
- **celebrating** another's accomplishments.
- using school appropriate **language**.
- **rephrasing** ideas in the blog that made me think, made me feel, or helped me learn to let the blogger know his/her voice has been heard.
- commenting specifically and **positively**, without criticism. If I disagree, I will comment appropriately, politely stating my perspective.
- being mindful always that I may be a role model to my **audience**, especially if they are younger than I.
- making no reference to any information that may be **inappropriate** for a school setting.
- asking at least one **question** in my comment with the hopes of continuing a conversation and deepening thinking.
- using a **triple check** before submitting any comment: Would I be happy to have my parents read this comment? My grandmother? My favourite teacher?

(Adapted from a blog post by LANI RITTER HALL)