

FOR FAMILIES · GRADES 3-5

Passphrase power: a family page

Today your child learned that a long passphrase of four or more random words is easier to remember and harder to guess than a short password with symbols. We also learned two rules: use a different passphrase for every account, and share a school password only with a parent, guardian or teacher.



WHAT YOUR CHILD LEARNED AT SCHOOL



A long, silly, secret string of words protects your account better than a short word with tricky symbols. Use a different one for every account and share it only with a trusted adult.



Try this at home

- 1 Play the guessing race at home: pick a secret word from a list of six, then a secret pair of words, and count how many guesses each takes.
- 2 Look at the family's accounts together (game, streaming, email). Ask: Does any account share the same password? Plan to change one together this week using a new passphrase.
- 3 Turn on two-step login (a code or approval on a phone) for an important family account, such as email. It adds a second lock even if a password is stolen.



Conversation starters

- Why is a long passphrase stronger than a short password with symbols?
- What is a silly sentence you could turn into a practice passphrase?
- Why is it risky to use the same password for a game and for school?
- Who can you tell if you think someone saw your password?



Household tip

A password manager (an app that creates and remembers strong passwords) can help adults use a different strong password for every account. You only need to remember one long passphrase to open it.



Watch the free 2-minute lesson together
k12cyberforward.com/learn/passphrase-power

Questions? Contact your child's teacher or school office: