Effective Ways To Protect Your Privacy

**Essential Understanding:**
There are effective ways to protect your privacy online.

**Learning Outcome(s):**
- Students will understand the importance of protecting their privacy online and learn how to create and maintain strong and private passwords as a tool for doing so.

**Common Core Standard(s):**
- SL.5.1.C Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others.

**IFC Skills:**
- Shows respect for and responds to the ideas of others.
## Digital Citizenship Strand: Safety

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| What is privacy? Elicit a definition. Read and/or show some examples (“I have a crush on...”) and ask students if that information should be kept private or not and why.  
Strong passwords to sites like Facebook and Instagram and email accounts help to protect online privacy for us. |                                                                           |
| **Guided Practice**                                              | Five questions on chart paper with teacher answers filled in:            |
| To help keep you and your information safe online, create a strong password and keep it to yourself. Let’s learn how to do that. | 1. What is your favorite color?                                          |
| Start with five questions.                                         | 2. What is your favorite animal?                                         |
| Choose two answers to link together with a number. Add a symbol, if you like. Make it easy for you to remember but hard for anyone else to guess. | 3. What year is it?                                                     |
| Mine could be coffee75centralpark... or Sundayrio24... or...(have children suggest combinations). | 4. What is your favorite food?                                           |
| **Independent Practice/Check for Student Understanding**          | 5. What is your favorite movie/TV show?                                  |
| Use five questions list to create 3 to 5 strong passwords. Don’t tell your partner, or your friends. | 6. Who is your favorite singer?                                          |
| **Sharing/Reflection**                                            | 7. What is the name of your favorite song?                               |
| How will you guard your privacy online?                           | 8. What is your school number?                                           |
| Elicit making a strong password, keeping it private and changing it often, are the keys to maintaining privacy and keeping you safe online. | 9. What is your favorite number?                                         |
| Ask students how they will remember their password. What are some ways to remember? (Writing it down somewhere, etc.) | 10. What is your favorite book?                                          |
| It is important to have multiple strong passwords to use for different accounts. |                                                                           |
| **Assessment**                                                   |                                                                           |
| Student password check                                             |                                                                           |
Follow up/Extensions:

**Common Sense Media:**
http://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/lesson/powerful-passwords-4-5

- What strategies will you use to keep your password private (what will you say to friends who want to know it)? Role play the situation.
- What strategies will you use to change it often? (Write a change date on the calendar, do it on the first/last day of every month or every new season).
- Have students create videos using Common Craft video style, to teach teachers and peers about creating strong passwords as one of the keys to maintaining privacy and staying safe in cyberspace.