1. **Blog Jargon...**

**Blog**: Short of "weblog", a blog is a website that is like an online journal which is regularly updated. A blog is made up of a collection of posts. Each new post that is published moves to the top of the blog. Readers can comment on blog posts. Blogs often contain pages, too.

**Post**: These are found on the home page of the blog and contain a title and text. Some posts also contain photos, images, videos, slideshows and links to other sites. Posts sometimes end with questions for readers. Readers are encouraged to comment on posts.

**Pages**: You can find pages at the top of the blog. Pages contain static information that doesn’t change regularly such as information about the blog.

**Comment**: Comments make blogs come alive! They allow the blog to become an interactive space where people can connect, converse and offer their thoughts and opinions. The administrator of the blog (myself – Mrs. Lynch) moderate and screen all comments.

**Category**: When posts are written they are usually put into a category. This helps people find collections of posts on topics that interest them. As students write posts they will each have their own category.

2. **Subscribe...**

To save you the hassle of having to check back to Room 102’s blog all the time to see whether there is anything new on there, I have set up an email subscription service. To subscribe to this you simply need to click on the link on the left hand side of the blog and enter your email address. You will then get on email each time we post something new on the blog! You can click on the link in your email to visit the blog and leave a comment.

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3. Categories/ Tag Cloud

To quickly find the blog posts that involve your child, click on your child's category. You can find the categories on the drop down menu on the left hand side of the blog. Also, check out the tag cloud.

4. Leave Comments...

We love comments! Comments really make our blog come alive. It's easy to leave a comment on our blog. Parents are asked to please avoid using their last name if they do not wish to identify their child. All comments are sent to me via email for approval prior to appearing on the blog.
5. Reply to Comments
In Room 102 we believe it is good blogging etiquette to reply to comments. This is a big job for me to complete alone.

The support of Room 102 families and students to help us reply to comments is very much appreciated. Go ahead, if you see a comment that hasn't been responded to write a reply comment to them. Thanks.

6. Pages
Don’t forget to read all the information on the pages up at the top of the blog home page. I made some changes here and added pages for Language Arts links and Math links, using screenshots to help the kids locate the games that they like. This is a great place for the kids to find educational games to play at home. I also added a tutorial on how to make comments.

7. Search Box
As time goes on and more posts are published, older posts move down the home page of the blog. When you can no longer see older posts on the home page, they are still on the blog, you just need to search for them or go to the bottom of the page and click

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8. **Join the Community**

Blogging is all about being part of a community. We have a wonderful group of blogging buddies from all across the globe who we love to collaborate with. Blogging helps to break down our classroom walls.

All our blogging buddies appreciate visits from Room 102 families. Why not check out some of their blogs and leave them a message. A few of us have started conversations with BB and AA in Australia. BB (Bianca) has her own blog. You can find it on the rights side under student blog. Visit her blog and leave her a message.

One of the fantastic things about blogging is getting to know other classes around the world through their blogs. Commenting on blogs is just as important as writing blog posts and helps to expand your audience and create connections.

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On the right hand side panel you will see “blogroll” where you can click on some of our favorite blogs from around the world. You can also check out the classes that are part of the Postcard Project.

**SHARE**

Room 102 loves having a large worldwide audience for their blog to share all the fantastic things they are doing in the classroom. Share Room 102’s blog with your family and friends and encourage them to leave a comment. As you can see on our Clustermap on the left hand side of our blog we already have received many visitors from across the world!

We love looking at the clustermap and the feedjit live feed on the left side of our blog to see where in the world our visitors are coming from.

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If you have any other questions about the class blog please come and see me or email me at maryellen.lynch@rsb.qc.ca and I will get back to you.