

Computer Rules at School

Internet Safety

- Only use web sites that are given to you for projects or listed on an approved web site such as www.pbskids.com, linked to www.spsd.org, or Mr. Thurlow's site.
- Never put a web address in the address box unless told to by a teacher. Only use links the teacher gives you.
- Never use Google or other adult search sites without an adult's supervision. Use kid search sites that are given to you. If adult search sites are needed, an adult will search with you to make sure the results are safe.
- Do not "click-through" to other sites. Only use the pages on the website you are allowed to use, but don't go beyond that page with other links to other sites.
- Never do activities that are not appropriate such as looking up or playing games that encourage bad or inappropriate things or language. This includes fighting, weapons, bad words, hurting people or animals, showing disrespect or bad behavior, and other things we all know are wrong. Use your good judgment. Teachers will help you decide if you're not sure what is appropriate.
- Pay no attention to commercials or pop up windows, or claims you won money, and never click on commercials or ads that might appear. Ads are part of life but we can learn how to understand them and ignore them at school.
- Never use your name, address or other information about yourself on the Internet unless a teacher allows you to put in your first name only.
- Never use e-mail, open chat rooms or instant messaging at school.

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- If given projects where you have choices about the subject, never choose subjects which encourage bullying or other bad behavior like violence or insulting others, and always select positive role models.
- If you are given "choice" or "enrichment" time after finishing a project or using the computer for indoor recess, for example, follow the same rules.
- Report any inappropriate website you may come across or see others use right away to an adult. If it makes you uncomfortable, let a teacher know.
- Privately report any examples you know of when these rules are broken so you keep your friends safe. That's everyone's job.
- If you know of cyber-bullying, when someone uses the Internet to bully another person, report it right away.
- Teach your family about school rules for safe use of the Internet.

Computers

- Take very good care of the computers and keyboard, mice and headphones. Handle them carefully and don't touch the screens.
- Print only with permission of an adult, especially in color.
- Recycle printouts to help our Earth

These rules apply before and after school.

Stay Safe! Thank You. Mr. Thurlow