

Internet Safety



Internet Safety Lessons at West Winter Session 2010

Your son or daughter is taking part in classroom lessons that support online safety in school and at home. In preparing these lessons, we have carefully examined all the up-to-date research and want to share it with you.

Our topic for Internet Safety this session is: **Netiquette** and **Online Ethics**. We will be teaching students that ethical behavior and good manners are as important in cyberspace—the online world—as in the face-to-face world

Here's what they will be learning...

- What is Netiquette?
- Why is Netiquette so important?
- When will I use Netiquette on the computer?
- Some Netiquette guidelines are:
 1. Remember to treat others online as you would like to be treated.
 2. When you send messages online, read and re-read your message.
 3. Don't type in all CAPITALS. It's like you are SHOUTING.
 4. Respect other people's privacy.
 5. If you receive a nasty email, do not respond. Tell an adult!
- Understand the power and responsibilities of using the Internet including adherence to the school's Acceptable User Policy.
- Respect the intellectual property of others and understand if copying is permissible.
- Apply ethical standards to respect the electronic property of classmates.

Here's what families can do...

- Start a conversation with your children about what they do online.
- Keep the family computer in a public part of your home.
- Make sure your children understand that you expect the same standards of behavior online as you would in face-to-face situations.
- Ask your children to share with you what they learned about Netiquette and their responsibilities when they are online.
- Discuss with your children news stories about right and wrong uses of the Internet.

Links to check out....

SafeSurf: Netiquette Core Rules
<http://isafesurf.com/netiquette.html>

bNetS@vvy "Tools for Adults to Help Kids Connect Safely."
<http://bnetsavvy.org/wp/tag/safety/>