Teacher and Principal Messaging Below

Teacher Communication (Grades 3-8)

Families,

The School District of Elmbrook provides students with technology devices to support and enhance established teaching and learning outcomes. We are very fortunate to have access to many technology resources and we recognize that, with this privilege comes great responsibility. Throughout this school year, I will be teaching lessons and reinforcing knowledge and skills about appropriate and purposeful technology use, or digital citizenship. More information about our District's curriculum standards and sample lessons can be found here.

I know that your child's access to a dedicated device places an additional responsibility on you to manage the device at home. I would encourage you to establish your own norms and expectations for appropriate technology use with your child, and I would welcome the opportunity to work together to find a solution when your child is not meeting those expectations.

All internet activity at home and school is filtered on all school devices by a product called Securly. Please also utilize your child's weekly internet activity report or the Securly web portal. The portal details all internet activity both at school and at home, and can serve as a great conversation starter about responsible use.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Teacher

Strong Start Meeting for Elementary Teachers or Middle School Teacher Communication
5 Things You Should Know About (Elementary) Student Technology Use
1. Digital Citizenship lessons from quality sources will be taught and reinforced throughout the year at all grade levels
2. In my ___ (Grade level) classroom, we use technology on average of 0-__ minutes per day, targeting skill-building, collaboration, communication, creativity, or research. Examples of classroom use include ____.
3. For students in grades 3-8 who bring their device home, families are encouraged to set norms and expectations for technology use outside of the school day
4. All families (K-12) have access to their child's school and home internet activity via the Securly portal
5. Technology use is a privilege that can be removed if not used appropriately. If necessary, students can also leave their technology at school to reinforce the message of appropriate and responsible use.

Principal Communication

Dear Elmbrook Families,

The School District of Elmbrook provides students with technology devices to support and enhance established teaching and learning outcomes. We expect each of our teachers to communicate how technology will be used in the classroom, what families can expect for technology use in support of homework requirements, and an estimate of screen time exposure throughout the day. We strongly support the American Academy of Pediatrics position that recognizes the positive benefits of media while emphasizing the balanced use of media with other healthy behaviors for school-aged children and adolescents. Please consider establishing a Family Media Use Plan, recommended by the AAP.

Additionally, we are committed to developing your child's awareness and understanding of his/her responsibility as a user of technology, or digital citizen, as well as helping you protect your child and your child's identity online.

In 2019-20, we will be using curriculum from Common Sense Media that is nationally recognized, free to schools and vetted by experts to develop your child's skills and knowledge regarding appropriate technology use. Information regarding this curriculum, which will be taught and reinforced throughout the year, including District grade level standards and sample lessons can be found at:

https://sites.google.com/elmbrookschools.org/itl/home

In addition to teaching and modeling appropriate classroom use, we also provide families access to a web portal so you are able to monitor your child's internet activity both at school <u>and</u> at home. Detailed account/login information to the Securly (internet filter provider) portal will be emailed to you the first week of school. Many families have used information from this report to have open conversations with their child about purposeful and safe technology use.

Finally, while we are fortunate to be able to offer our students a District device, we recognize the management of this device at home requires additional responsibility of our families. As with all of our school tools, including devices and software applications, we encourage you to set expectations and guidelines for use that reflect your family norms and values. Please share these expectations with your child's teacher so that we can work together to develop your child as a digital citizen.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Principal