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Internet Safety

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Introduction

Most of us use the internet every day, but many of us do not use it safely. Internet safety is an important topic that students must be taught. You have to think smart if you are going to use the internet. The internet can provide a wealth of information, but unfortunately not all sources on the internet are safe. If you know the rules and follow them, you will be able to work safely on the internet. You are about to go on a quest to learn more about working safely on the internet so you can become an internet safety expert.

Tasks

Imagine you walk up behind your little brother and he is playing a game on the internet. The game looks pretty fun but you notice that he is talking to people in a chat room while playing the game. You ask him who he talking to and he just shrugs his shoulders. You know that you should never talk to strangers or give people you don't know information about you or your family. You know you need to do something, but your not sure what to do. You will begin your journey by learning about some of the safety problems internet users face. It is important for people to know what is out there on the internet that could potentially be a problem. After identifying the problem, you are going to uncover some rules that will help internet users be more safe on the internet. After you learn about internet safety, you are going to create a power point presentation to share with your brother and other younger kids to teach them how to work safely on the internet.

Process

You will work on the following activities (in order) to complete this web-quest to learn more about internet safety and ways to share information about it. You will earn a letter for each activity you complete. It is important that you complete every step of the project to ensure you understand the topic.
S)   You remember a friend telling you about a video on internet safety. You find it and decide to watch. Click here to watch a video on internet safety from BrainPop.Now that you know a little more about internet safety, lets get started on the power point presentation for our younger friends. Open up a new power point slide. Make a title page that includes the title of the presentation (This could be "Internet Safety" or something else that tells what it's going to be about.), your name, and a picture. Save this as "Internet Safety" on your computer.A)   Now that we've gotten started, click here to read this article on Safe Cyberspace Surfing. You can read it on your own or click the "listen" button to have it read to you.Go back to your power point slide and create a new slide. Record the three guidelines for Safe Cyberspace Surfing on this page. Include a title, the three rules and at least one picture.F)   Net Smartz Kids is a great website for learning about how to be Net Smart. Watch this video about Being Safe Online. Take notes about anything new you learned. Then watch this video about The Boy Who Loved IM. Finally, watch the music video for Tell a Trusted Adult. Now that you have even more knowledge about internet safety, you can choose one of the following options to complete for "F":
                   a) Write a poem, song or rap about internet safety in MS Word.
                   b) Create a poster in Kerpoof and include a slogan about internet safety. Save it as a jpeg.Once you've done a or b, make a new slide on your power point presentation and copy/paste your rap or insert a picture of your poster onto the slide.
E)   Here is another article to read about Your Online Identity. Click here to read the article. You can read it on your own or click the "listen" button to have it read to you. Go back to your power point slide and create a new slide. Record the rules you should follow to pretect your online idenity. Include a title, the rules and at least one picture.T)   Download this Treasure Hunt and print it out. Then use it to navigate the KidSmart website and explore the information about internet safety. After you complete the Treasure Hunt, add a new slide to your power point presentation and include any important information from this website. Include a title, any new information and at least one picture. Y)   Your search is complete! To finalize your power point presentation, add one final slide titled "Resources" and include the websites where you gathered your information from. You may include a picture here as well. Go back and check your spelling, information and make sure all slides are complete. Be sure to save your final product! This is what will be graded.

Evaluation

You've finished your quest to learn more about using the internet safely! Hopefully you will share this project with your friends who do not know about internet safety. Below if the rubric on which your project will be graded.

Category and Score	Incomplete	Progressing	Very Good	Exemplary	Score
Participation	Did not participate throught the project.	Minimal participation throughout the project.	Participated in activities during the project.	Participation was above and beyond expectations.	0-3
Power Point Presentation	Three or fewer quality slides completed.	Four or five quality slides completed.	Six quality high quality slides completed	More than six high quality slides completed.	0-3
Information	Information incomplete or inaccurate.	Information mostly complete or with some inaccuracies.	Information complete and accurate.	Extra, accurate information included.	0-3
Computer Skills	Does not know how to navigate programs used during project independently.	Mostly able to navigate programs used during project independently.	Able navigate programs used during project independently.	Expertly navigates programs used during project.	0-3
				Total Score	

Conclusion

You've learned about internet safety and have a great power point presentation you can share with your little brother or any of your other friends who are not being Net Smart! Don't forget all the great things you've learned. Lead by being a great example! SAFE - Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.MEETING - Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.ACCEPTING - Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!RELIABLE - Someone online might lie about who they are and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows. If you like chatting online it's best to only chat to your real world friends and familyTELL - Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Teacher Page

This website was created to teach students about how to be safe while navigating the internet. With the prevelance of students using the internet independently, they need need to know what is and what is not safe behavior. It we don't teach them, they won't know.This web-quest was developed for children in grades 3-5 but could be used in other grade levels. This was also created for use in a technology lab but could be done in a regulary classroom or independently at home.

Standards

Credits

Other