DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP NEWSLETTER:

Students will use desktop publishing software (Microsoft Publisher) to create a newsletter with various articles about digital citizenship. The following is a list of the topics that may be included. Student shall include at least four or five of the following topics. **[When you finish an article, return to this page a choose your next topic. You do not need to ask me which topic you will do next, pick one from this list.]**

You must use the top three bullet points in your newsletter. You may choose from the rest of the list for your other articles.

Pictures: Your Newsletter can and should include pictures or photographs that are appropriate and that support your articles.

As always with my projects, you can and should be researching all of these topics. This does not have to be from your own knowledge, you should look up information on Google and other sites. Also, keep this page open to refer to while you are working.

- Online Safety - Write a short article about being careful about who you meet and talk to online and how to avoid giving information to strangers. Talk about online predators and how they seek out children using online resources. Perhaps make reference to an actual case from the news.
- Plagiarism – Define it and explain how to research properly and use that information without copying it. Give examples of what is not acceptable (copy and paste).
- Cyber Bullying – Research an actual case about cyber bullying.

- New Topic: E Cigarettes: E Cigarettes are a new technology that claim to be better and cleaner than regular cigarettes. Write an opinion article about this new technology. Research them and decide if you think this is a good invention or a bad one.
- New Topic: Technology in the Classroom: When everyone in a classroom has a device it is called a "one-to-one" classroom (meaning the ration of people to computers is 1:1). How might this change education. Will it be better or worse? Research educational technology and write about how you think it will change schools.
- Drones- write an opinion article about the use of drones: The United States has been using a new military weapon called a drone. A drone is an aircraft that has no pilot and is able to attack our enemies. Some people feel that we should be allowed to use this as a way to conduct military operations. Some people feel that this is not a good use of technology. Research the use of drones and choose one side of this debate for your article.
- How is sharing a photograph similar to starting a forest fire? Many people send photographs of themselves to a person thinking that they photos will not be shared (by text message or snapchat). However if the other person shares the photo online, then it is impossible to stop it from being shared by even more people. Like a match in the forest that catches and spreads out of control, the picture can be passed around the internet forever!
- Your favorite technology: Talk about something you are interested in related to technology (video games, cell phones, any topic you wish). Research your topic and tell your readers about it!
- Security: beware of email scams like "phishing". Define phishing and how to avoid these scams.
- The importance of backing up your data.
- Digital Law (copyright issues). Define copyright and explain how making copies of certain digital material is the same as stealing or shoplifting. Use scenarios to explain this.
- Security: password management and strategy. Many young people are very careless with their passwords to their accounts. Describe how bad it is when someone accesses your accounts without your consent.

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