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Dear Parents:

Next week your children will learn about staying safe online. I will be showing students a video and having a classroom discussion regarding internet safety. Students will also watch a video of texting safety. In this texting video the topic of sexting will be addressed. In the event you do not want your child to view the age appropriate video, please send in a note to your child's teacher. In today's world our children are exposed to the internet more and more not only through the computer but through game systems as well. As an effort to keep our students safe, we are educating the sixth graders on how to stay safe while on the internet or while using electronic devices.

Children use a variety of online services, and each of these services can have different safety concerns. However, there are some basic tips which you can employ no matter how your children use the Internet.

- Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home.
 - Establish limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long.
- Remember that Internet technology can be mobile, so make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops.
- Surf the Internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online.
- Know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, e-mailing, online gaming, and using webcams.

Please take time to visit NetSmartz.org for more parent information on how to keep your children safe on the internet. As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (330) 538-2257 Ext. 1403

Thank you,

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