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TOP 10 DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP TIPS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Help your kids be safe and responsible online.

- 1. **Visit age-appropriate web sites.** Familiarize your child with the Internet. Start with sites you know and trust. Make sure it's safe and appropriate for your child's age.
- 2. **Use bookmarks and safe search.** Teach your child how to use search engines. Use Google or Bing to make sure your child can find what they need.
- 3. **Keep private information private.** Tell kids not to share their name, address, or birthday. And teach them not to share photos or videos.
- 4. **Avoid strangers.** Explain that people are not always who they say they are. Kids shouldn't talk to strangers online.
- 5. **Teach kids to think before they post.** Encourage kids to think carefully about comments, pictures, and videos they will be comfortable with their Internet friends.
- 6. **Be nice.** Explain that the same rules apply online as in real life. A good rule of thumb is "be nice to others." A good rule of thumb is to report mean behavior to a trusted adult.
- 7. **Teach kids to show respect for other people's work.** Encourage kids to show respect for other people's things they make — like artwork, pieces of music, or videos.