

Router's Birthday Surprise



Overview

Students watch *Router's Birthday Surprise* and discuss what kinds of fun things they can do online. They take a website tour of www.NetSmartzKids.org while learning about the four rules of Internet safety.



Materials / Preparation

- *Router's Birthday Surprise*
- Computer lab or computer hooked up to an LCD projector
- Attachment 1 - NetSmartz Internet Safety Pledge



45 minutes



Introduction

Play *Router's Birthday Surprise* and tell students that they are going to learn how to have fun on the Internet just like Nettie and Webster did.



Activity

If you are in a computer lab, show each student how to get to www.NetSmartzKids.org. If you are not in a lab, demonstrate this activity with an overhead projector. Explain that today they are going to explore the fun activities they can do online by taking a tour of Clicky's website.

Website Tour

1. Ask students to look around the homepage. Explain to them that this is a kids' site, but some websites are not for kids and may have pictures or words they don't want to see. Tell them if they ever see a website like that, they should tell a trusted adult. Let them play one of the games as an example of what an online game for kids looks like.
2. Next, show students how to e-mail Clicky, Nettie, or Webster. Explain to them that talking to friends and family online can be fun, but that they shouldn't tell anyone their name, address, phone number, or where they go to school. They should also never use mean or rude language online. Now ask the students to write Clicky an e-mail using those rules.
3. Finally, explain to students the difference between online "friends" and real friends. Tell them they should never meet their online friends face-to-face and if anybody online asks to meet them, they should tell a trusted adult right away.



Follow-Up

Give every student an Internet Safety Pledge (attachment 1) and read the rules aloud. Explain that these rules for online safety are the ones they just learned about, and that these rules will help

keep them safer online. Ask them to take it home to sign with their parent or guardian and post it near the computer.



My Rules for

Internet Safety

The Internet is where I learn and play
But I have to be careful everyday
So I pledge to be safer online
And follow these rules all of the time:



1

I will tell my trusted adult if anything makes me feel sad, scared, or confused.

2

I will ask my trusted adult before sharing information like my name, address, and phone number.

3

I won't meet face-to-face with anyone from the Internet.

4

I will always use good netiquette and not be rude or mean online.



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