

Digital Citizenship Lesson Plan

Don't Ask Me My Name

General Topic (as defined in the Digital Literacy Framework)	DB4
Digital Citizenship b) Privacy and Security	
Applicable Grade Range	
3-5	
Outcome(s) to be Addressed	
The student understands not to reveal private information to a person they know only online.	
Importance / Significance of Lesson	
Many people that we meet online are normal, kind, helpful people. There are, however, people who pretend to be someone that they are not and seek to harm others, especially children. It is important that children know not to share information with people they meet online.	
Duration	
20 minutes	
Overview	
Students will learn about personal information, how much of it is okay to share and how to avoid sharing too much information online.	
Required Resources	
none	
Lesson Plan and Extension Activities	
Class discussion Advise students that there are some people online who are not very nice, even though they might seem nice when they try to talk to us. These people could try to get information about us that isn't safe to share with someone we don't know. Let the students know that they really have to think about their safety before sharing too much information with people they don't know.	

Talk about types of personal information that could identify students online (girl/boy, age, birthday, name (first and last), address, phone number, grade, school, picture, sports team name) and sort each of the characteristics into a chart similar to the one below (I've placed them but you should sort as a group):

Okay to share online	Not okay to share online
Girl/boy	Birthday
Age	First and last name
First name	Address
Grade	Phone number
	School
	Picture
	Sports team name

You can also discuss why it is and isn't okay to share information. Ideas such as if I knew you were a 7 year old boy named Billy, there are probably a lot of them in Canada, in North America, and in the world so it would be difficult to find out who, specifically, you were. However, if I knew your name was Billy and you were born March 8, 2007 and you lived on a specific street in a specific town, I could probably find you quite easily. This is what we want to avoid.

If you are online and talking to people who you don't know, it is important to follow some basic safety rules:

- 1) Share your username but not your real name. If you do share your name, make sure it is a first name only, never your last name.
- 2) Don't tell anyone where you live. That can include telling them the city or even province you live in, the name of your school, your address, the name of a sports team that you play on, the leisure center you like to go to. All of these items can be searched to determine the general area in which you live.
- 3) Don't send pictures of yourself to anyone you don't know. They can be shared with others without your consent.

- 4) Don't share your phone number or any other way to contact you (email or address).
- 5) Sharing your birthdate lets people know how old you are and how easily they might take advantage of you or get you to do something you don't want to do.
- 6) If someone does or says something that makes you feel uncomfortable, block them or ignore them and get an adult to help.
- 7) If someone starts asking a lot of questions about you or asking you to meet them, immediately tell your parents to ensure that the situation is safe.

Have students summarize what they would do in the following situations and share in a discussion as a class:

- 1) A person named sweetypie wants to talk in a chat room and starts asking things like what sports you like to play, if you play on any teams she might have heard of, where and when your next game is and if you have a picture of you playing that you could share.
- 2) A person is sharing stories about Minecraft levels that they have played and asks you if you have played any that you want to tell them about.
- 3) Your friend from school makes a plan to meet you online and when you are talking he/she asks if you want to hang out.
- 4) Someone online says that you have gone to a website that you shouldn't have and asks for your parent's phone number or email so they can talk to them about it.
- 5) Someone online that you don't know tries to tell you that you have a common friend and asks you if you really like them or tries to get you to say mean things about them.

Adaptations

Younger students likely won't be talking to others online, however some tips might apply. Older students will be more likely to find themselves in questionable situations online. Further research into safety rules and practices can be done and they could create presentations for other students about the safety rules that they find.

Additional Resources

http://www.fitforafeast.com/online_safety_tips.htm

<http://www.safekids.com/chat-room-safety/>

http://home.mcafee.com/advicecenter/?id=ad_cybercrime_hkcsiocr&ctst=1

Cross-curricular Outcomes Also Addressed
Health and Career Prep – personal safety

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