

Have a fun & safe summer



Technology

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Tech Tips for the Summer

Keeping kids safe: [Parent Tip Sheet](#), [Smartphone Safety](#) and [Gaming Safety](#), from [netsmartz.org](#). See below.

Keyboarding

Students should continue to work on their keyboarding skills over the summer. A few keyboarding sites are [typing.com](#), [Dance Mat Typing](#) and [abcya.com](#).

Keep Coding

[code.org](#), [scratch.mit.edu](#), [tynker.com](#),

Websites

Some of the websites the classes use include but are not limited to:

[voki.com](#)
[postermywall.com](#)
[netsmartz.org](#)
[sos.fbi.gov](#)
[abcmouse.com](#)
[turtlediary.com](#)
[abcya.com](#)
[fungooms.com](#)
[typing.com](#)
[funbrain.com](#)
[mathplayground.com](#)
[mrnussbaum.com](#)
[pbskids.org](#)
[safekidgames.com](#)
[sheppardsoftware.com](#)
[code.org](#)
[starfall.com](#)
[50states.com](#)
[history.com](#)
[kids.nationalgeographic.com](#)

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NETSMARTZ TECH TIPS



Want to learn how to check your child's browser history, use Facebook's privacy settings or report cyberbullying on Twitter? Check out these websites for information and how-to videos so you can be as tech savvy as your child.

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS AND GUIDES

- **www.howcast.com/categories/2-tech**
Videos include "How to Use Twitter," "How to Use Facebook" and "How to Use an iPhone."
- **www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting**
Information and tips for parents about specific websites and apps.

WEBSITE HELP CENTERS

- **www.facebook.com/help**
Learn how to manage your child's account and report problems.
- **support.twitter.com**
Find out how to use Twitter and protect your child's privacy.
- **<https://support.google.com/youtube>**
Read about YouTube's safety policies and how to report inappropriate content.
- **www.google.com/safetycenter**
Browse through videos and articles for advice on using Google's safety tools and how to manage your family's safety online.
- **help.instagram.com**
Learn about the basics of this popular app and get tips for parents.
- **<https://support.snapchat.com>**
Understand how to use the app and what to do if your child is using it inappropriately.
- **<https://kikinteractive.zendesk.com>**
Read about the app and how to report problems.
- **<https://support.skype.com>**
Browse articles about securing your child's account and managing their privacy settings.
- **www.tumblr.com/help**
Learn about this blogging platform and how to manage your child's account settings.
- **<https://help.pinterest.com>**
Find out how to use Pinterest and secure your child's account.
- **help.meetme.com**
Get answers to your questions about controlling who sees your child's profile and how to report problems.
- **help.disney.com/clubpenguin**
Read about this popular game's rules and safety features.



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THE RISKS

- **CYBERBULLYING**
 With the constant connectivity of smartphones, your child may be more susceptible to cyberbullying or have more opportunities to cyberbully others.
- **GEOLOCATION**
 A GPS-enabled smartphone can reveal your child's location through online posts and uploaded photos.
- **INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
 With smartphones, your child has mobile access to content you may consider inappropriate, such as pornography or violent videos.
- **SEXTING**
 Your child may use the Internet and social apps to send, receive, or forward revealing photos.
- **VIRUSES & MALWARE**
 Just like a computer, a smartphone is vulnerable to security attacks if your child accesses unsecured websites and apps.

5 WAYS TO BE SMARTER THAN THE SMARTPHONE!

- 1. Be a parent and a resource.**
 Establish clear guidelines, including time limits and consequences for inappropriate behavior, but be open so your child will come to you with any problems.
- 2. Set up password protection.**
 This will keep everyone but you and your child from accessing personal information stored on the phone.
- 3. Update the operating system.**
 New versions often contain important security fixes.
- 4. Approve apps before they are downloaded.**
 Make sure you understand their capabilities and approve their content.
- 5. Understand location services.**
 GPS features are useful when using maps, but you'll want to disable location-tagging when your child posts anything online.

For more resources visit NetSmartz.org/TipSheets

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Gaming Safely

Parental involvement is critical when it comes to helping children game more safely. Take an active interest in the games that your child plays and wants to buy. You can research games' ratings and content on www.esrb.org. This website is maintained by the Entertainment Software Rating Board which rates thousands of games each year.

Know which safety features are available on the gaming equipment that your child uses—a headset may have voice-masking features, for example.

Keep gaming consoles in an easy-to-supervise location and be aware of other places where your child may be accessing games.

Tell your child never to give out personal information while gaming or agree to meet anyone outside of the game.

Set rules about how long your child may play, what types of games are appropriate, and who else may participate.

Have your child check with you before using a credit or debit card online.

Check to see if the games your child plays have reporting features or moderators.

Start a discussion with your child

- Can we play some of your favorite games together?
- How do you respond if someone bothers you while you are gaming?
- How much do you let people know about you while gaming?
- What kinds of people do you game with?
- Do you feel safe while you are gaming online? Why or why not?

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