

"The Internet Starts with I"

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you know, we value our school-family partnership and I wanted to share an opportunity to strengthen that partnership thanks to Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day (SID) aims to not only create a safer internet but also a better internet, where everyone is empowered to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Officially, this year SID's theme is "The Internet starts with I" and it is observed and celebrated on February 9, 2021, but the important ideas and lessons from SID can be used and discussed all year long.

ConnectSafely, the U.S. host of SID since 2015, provided lesson plans for schools based on the theme in four topic areas:

- I share responsibly so I don't spread false information.
- I protect my accounts and devices.
- I take care of myself.
- I take care of others.

Today, in school, we considered the elementary / middle school / high school (circle one) lesson for the topic checked off above. You can find more information about the lesson plan online at saferinternetday.us/lesson-plans (<https://bit.ly/2Y84vgF>). We encourage you to ask your student about what we did in class today, what they learned or thought about during activities, and how your family can use what they learned.

If you have questions or choose to share how your conversation goes with me, I would be glad to hear from you! My contact information is below, along with a brief note about our class today.

You can find more resources for parents from ConnectSafely on their website at connectsafely.org/parentguides. They have helpful expert advice on everything from the games and platforms your children love to use to cyberbullying and better passwords.

Happy Safer Internet Day! I look forward to hearing from you.

Teacher Signature: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Email: _____

Teacher Note: