Information Literacy Skills

Building Digital Literacy

Digital literacy includes internet etiquette, filtering information, and making sound decisions related to online postings.

Tips for parents & families:

① Set an Example
Parents and families should set an example for their children in their online activities.
- Exemplify what is appropriate to post online
- Put your cellphone down when you talk with your child
- Ask for your child's permission before posting their pictures online

② Create Good Digital Footprints
There is a footprint left for all online activities.
- Create posts or media responsibly
- Exercise caution with whatever information is put out online
- Don't share personal information, such as addresses, phone numbers, or birthdates online
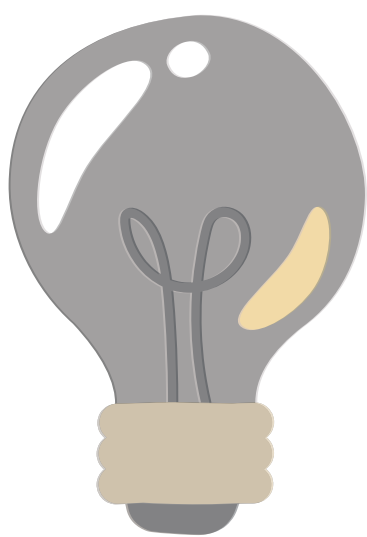
③ Identify Credible Sources
Teach children how to identify credible sources.
- Utilize trustable sites
- Be on guard for unusual URLs
- Cross-check the information in different sites

④ Think Critically
Remind children to think critically about the information they have read.
- Evaluate whether the messages make sense
- Question why certain information was included and what wasn't included
- Identify what the website's key ideas are

Questions to help children evaluate online information:
- **Who** created this?
- **Why** did the authors create this, to persuade, inform, create humor, or share opinions?
- **Who** is the message for, for artists, professionals, or people with particular interests?
- **What** techniques are being used to make this message credible? Is there evidence to support assertions made?
- **What** details were left out and why? Are there multiple views or is only one view presented?
- **How** did the message make you feel? Would others disagree?

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