Dear Families,

There are so many media and technology apps our kids are using that it is difficult to keep up! We thought it might be helpful to share some information related to recommendations and safe sites for children to access.

*Commonsensemedia.org* is a reputable site that is easy to navigate. The site provides recommendations, answers questions about the latest titles and trends, and teaches how to set parental controls. The site has an extensive list of current apps, games, and movies that will help you determine the appropriateness for your child. Below we have included some of the recommended and inadvisable gaming and social media sites.

Recommended with supervision:

* Fun Brain
* PBS kids
* Starfall
* National Geographic Kids
* Cool Math
* Time for Kids
* How Stuff Works

Inadvisable:

* Fortnite
* Grand Theft Auto
* Snapchat
* TikTok
* Instagram

It is recommended that students under the age of thirteen not have access to social media.*Commonsensemedia.org* notes that at the age of thirteen is generally when kids start developing a broader understanding of the world around them and, along with that, a better sense of what's appropriate to share online. Our website has links to additional recommended sites for children.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or for more information.

Respectfully,

Maple Lane Team