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Dear Parkway Families,

K5 through grade 3 students will be engaging in age-appropriate Digital Citizenship lessons as part of the library media & technology program. The overall goal is to educate and empower young people to harness the power of the internet and digital technology for learning, and for the students to become safe, responsible, and respectful digital citizens.

The essential questions that we will be exploring include:

• **K5:** How do you go places safely on a computer/iPad? What kinds of information should you keep to myself when using the internet?
• **1:** How do you stay safe when you visit websites? What makes a website the right site for you?
• **2:** How does the internet connect you to others and how can you stay safe when you are online? What are keywords and how do you choose them?
• **3:** What kinds of responsibilities does a good digital citizen have? How do you show respect for other people’s work?
• **All:** How can you use the Parkway Library website and grade-level web link Symbaloo when you want to learn something new?

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Raising and educating young people in today’s 24/7 digital media environment is one of the most exciting, yet daunting challenges that parents and schools face today. We will be using Common Sense Media’s digital citizenship curriculum. Throughout the year, I will be sending home family tip sheets on the various topics discussed in library media class to keep you informed. Together, we can help the Parkway students to become responsible and respectful digital citizens.

Sincerely,

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