AOP TECH PARENTS

Parent Resources

Looking for more resources to help you make more informed parent technology decisions? These sites offer great resources and advice!

- Common Sense Media is the premier site for technology and families. This site offers advice, recommendations, and discussion for parents looking to engage kids in responsible technology use.

- Edutopia has long been a teacher favorite website for best practices and classroom resources. However, they also have wonderful articles for parents on digital and media literacy.

- NetSmartz is a fantastic resource for schools, students, and parents alike for helping our children be safe and responsible online.

Fostering Creativity in Our Children

From the time our children are young, it is no secret that they are naturally creative. As parents, we can continue to foster this creativity both on and off devices. Check out these awesome apps and web tools that can promote all kinds of creativity in your child. And remember! Having open conversations with your child about what they're working on fosters happy, healthy family relationships, as well as, models good technology habits!

•For the Coder - Coding promotes problem solving, "outside the box" thinking, and is fun! Try Kodable (app for ages 2-6), Hopscotch (app for ages 7-12), or Scratch (website for 12+)

•For the Writer - Writing is so important for our children, both for personal expression and in life. Try Kid in Story Book Maker (app for ages 4-7), Write About This (app for ages 8-12), or NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program (website for National Novel Writing Month for ages 13+)

•For the Artist - Encourage the digital artist in life! Digital art can range from drawing to photography and editing. Try Drawing Pad (app for ages 3-8), MoMA Art Lab (app for ages 8-12), or PicsArt (app for ages 13+)

•For the Director - From animation to movie making, inspire that future filmmaker! Try Disney Animated (app for ages 5-8), iMovie (app for 8-12), or Vyclone (app for 13+)

•For the Musician - Everyone connects through music; time for a jam session! Try Music Sparkles (app for ages 2-7), Garage Band (app for 8+), and Noteflight (website for 13+)

Encourage students to share their creations with their family, friends, and eventually the world. Students can create positive digital footprints through the creativity and talents. Next month, AoP Tech Parents will explore helping children to create a positive digital footprint online!