

**Edgewood Elementary School
1 Roosevelt Place
Scarsdale, NY 10583**

Dear Parents,

We are making online accounts available to students in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5. These accounts will allow students to store some of their work online, share it with other students and teachers, and publish projects to a website. This access supports an important goal of our District technology plan -- to help students become good online citizens by learning to publish information online in an appropriate way to an authentic audience. We are planning to use a number of educational online services that are utilized by schools around the country.

These tools include Google Drive, Campus Press blogs, and other online curriculum resources. In addition, students will be using these tools in the Middle School, so we want to provide opportunities for our younger students to develop the necessary skills and dispositions to thrive with these online applications. These online tools:

- Enable students to understand how to work in an online community
- Promote digital citizenship
- Provide online file storage space for student documents
- Motivate writers because their work will be visible to an audience beyond their peers.

Safety

Prior to receiving their accounts, all students will review our District's Technology Responsible Use Policy (RUP) with their computer teacher. The RUP has been attached to this document. We expect that participating in these online environments will encourage and enhance student expression. However, these resources are first and foremost tools for learning. These online tools are an extension of the classroom, and appropriate behavior is expected in accordance with our Student Code of Conduct and other District policies. You should be aware that:

- Students in grades 3-5 will have access to an email account. Grade 2 students will not.
- Many online resources provide teachers with the ability to track or view user activity.
- All of the services that have been selected have privacy policies that are compliant with our criteria for student data privacy.

Parent Participation

Parents are important partners in this initiative and we ask you to help us by:

- Asking your child about how he or she uses technology
- Asking your child to login from home so they can share their work with you

For more information about our K-5 technology program, please contact your building technology teacher. We look forward to helping our students use technology effectively and helping them understand how to be good "digital citizens." Please sign and return this letter to your child's teacher. If you have questions, please contact a member of our technology staff.

Thank you,

Paul Tomizawa, Technology Teacher

Jerry Crisci, Director of Instructional Technology and Innovation

(Please sign the section below, tear it off, and return to your classroom teacher)

I have read the information about online student accounts and I agree to let my child use online tools that have been selected by the Scarsdale Public Schools.

Parent Name (Printed)

Parent Signature

I agree to follow the District Responsible Use Policy that was reviewed in school.

Student Name (Printed)

Student Signature