**WELCOME TO OUR** 

# Library Newsletter FALL 2025



# WHAT ARE WE UP TO IN THE LIBRARY?

# This fall...

We are beginning to focus on Digital Citizenship with all grades during our library lessons. This helps to remind students to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible when they are online.

**Safe** - Ask a trusted adult if you need help or feel uncomfortable with something you see online.

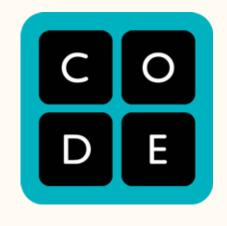
**Respectful** - Use kind words and stand up for your friends and siblings if someone is unkind to them.

**Responsible** - It is okay to share personal information (your favorites), but it is not okay to share private information (full name, address, phone number, passwords, etc.) without a parent's permission.

# This Winter...

## WE WILL EXPLORE CODING!

Glendale participates in the Hour of Code to help promote interest in STEM subjects. Students learn what computer programming is and get to try it themselves using the lessons, videos and games created especially for elementary students on Code.org.





# Keep Your Child Safe Online

In today's digital world, kids are using technology more than ever—for learning, playing, and staying connected. While technology offers many great opportunities, it's important to keep our children safe while they explore online.

Here are a few simple ways you can help:

## 1. Talk About Online Safety

Have open conversations with your child about the internet. Teach them not to share personal information like their full name, address, phone number, or school name without your permission.

#### 2. Set Rules and Limits

Decide together which websites and apps are okay to use. Use parental controls to block inappropriate content and limit screen time.

## 3. Keep Screens in Sight

Try to have your child use devices in shared spaces like the living room or kitchen so you can keep an eye on what they're doing online.

#### 4. Teach Them to Be Kind

Remind your child that the same rules of kindness and respect apply online as they do in real life. Talk about what to do if they see or experience cyberbullying.

## 5. Make Gaming Safe and Fun

If your child plays online games, check the game's age rating and know who they're playing with. Turn off chat features if they aren't needed, and encourage games that are educational or promote creativity.

#### 6. Watch the Clock

Too much screen time can impact sleep, behavior, and learning. Set daily limits and take regular breaks. Encourage time for reading, outdoor play, and face-to-face interaction.

#### 7. Encourage Questions

Let your child know they can always come to you if they see something that makes them uncomfortable or if they're unsure about something online.

Staying safe online is a team effort. With your support, your child can build healthy and smart habits that will last a lifetime.

Let's keep learning - fun and safe!

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