First Grade Technology Course
Lesson P-1-8
Being a Good Digital Citizen

1. Remind students that every webpage has a purpose or use. They might use a webpage to obtain information, practice their math or reading, play games, or buy something.   At school we use webpages that give us information or help us learn. They may have games, but they're educational games. In first grade, the teachers direct the students as to which webpages they can use. This is to make sure the students use safe webpages that have good information.
2. Ask the students what would make them think a webpage was bad. May get answers indicating bad/naughty pictures or bad/naughty words. Explain that they should immediately get off a webpage that has words or pictures that they know are bad or make them feel uncomfortable. Continue to explain that a webpage may be bad for other reasons. It may have mistakes on it or information that's not true. As they get older and learn more about the World Wide Web, they'll learn whether they should use a particular webpage. For now, they should only use webpages to which their teacher directs them.
3. Ask the students if there are any rules they have to follow when they go on a field trip? Responses may include stay with a partner, stay with an adult, don't wander off, and don't talk to strangers.   Explain that just like when the students go on a field trip and must follow rules, they must follow rules when they travel on the World Wide Web/Internet.
4. Watch video called My Online Neighborhood. It's in the Technology Course Resources section on the mayfield website. Ask "What rules do we have for visiting places online?"
    -   Always ask your parent (or teacher) first.
    -   Only talk to people you know.
    -   Stick to places that are just right for you.
5. Optional activity:
    Take a virtual field trip to the San Diego zoo. Explain that this website has information about animals and a lot of other interesting features. http://kids.sandiegozoo.org/