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Parent(s) and/or Family Member(s):

Technology is an apparent student learning tool in today's education. This year in Mr. Tepley's 5th grade classroom your child will be working online. Your child will be creating a web site to promote his or her student work and work with an online content management program to enable work being completed at school and at home via the internet.

The intention of this web site is for your child to post work that he or she is proud of. This web site is not graded. The sites are maintained by students and will be approved before being uploaded. Students will be using Microsoft FrontPage and basic html to create a web site.

I will model appropriate use of the internet and emphasize the intentions of student web sites, but I expect your help addressing internet safety. Please discuss safety on the net with your child. There are many links available for parents who want to read about "Safety on the Net" for kids. Parents and guardians assume and maintain responsibility for their own use and for their children's use of the Internet.

We will also be using "Moodle," an open source piece of software designed for instruction. This tool enables students to complete assignments online and transfer electronic assignments to home from school. It is password protected and has many features that your child can elaborate on.

Before a student's material will be posted online, required permission is needed. Please check the permission level of choice. Most work posted will be anonymous. Students will be labeled with a number. I do allow student first name use if prior permission is granted by a parent. Only hand drawn pictures or portraits will be posted on the internet.

To access the Student Web page visit <http://www.mrtepley.com> and click on "Student Webs." Several visitors from all over the world have checked our site out online! Soon your child's work will be internationally published!

Sincerely,



Brandon Tepley

_____ My child should not create a web site and not post any work online.

_____ My child can post work using a student number (ie - Welcome to Student 24's Web Site).

_____ My child can post work using his or her first name (ie – Welcome to Brandon's Web Site).

Parent Signature

Date