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Best Practices for Family Engagement

Using digital technologies in the classroom have proven to positively contribute to a student's learning experience. It's important to practice online safety and digital well-being with your child, and continue to stay connected to their education. Here are some of the best practices for families and guardians to navigate the technology your child is using both in the classroom and beyond.

Navigating technologies in the classroom

- Stay up to speed with your child's work by signing up for Guardian Summaries, which allow you to get weekly reports about your child's activity in Google Classroom.

- Learn more about the tools your child is using in the classroom with the Google for Education Video Series and the Google Terms Glossary.These tools walk through the technologies your child will be using and what you need to know about each product.

- If your child does not work well on screens, communicate with their teacher on alternative learning methods and how they can balance their screen time.

Communicating with teachers

- Teachers say one of the best ways to stay involved with your child's progress in the classroom is by checking in with them and the school as needed with questions, clarifications, or general check-ins.

- Communicating with your child on their educational experience can differ across age groups, but establishing an open relationship about their experience creates a healthy environment around thriving in the classroom.

Digital Well-being and Online Safety

- Establish a healthy relationship with screen time and appropriate content for your child. With Family Link, you can create a profile where you can add your student's Google account, and set settings for their Chromebook.

- Practice being a good online citizen, with resources like Be Internet Awesome, Applied Digital Skills, and Common Sense Media. Teach your child how to be a safe explorer of the online world.

Learning beyond school

- There is so much children learn in school that can be carried and applied in other spaces. Using Google Arts and Culture, Google Earth, or other tools-you can create experiences beyond the classroom to encourage your child to foster an innate sense of learning.