

## **Weekend Project:**

# **Talking about Online Safety**

(Worth 10 Project Points!)

**Purpose:** This exercise is designed to have you continue to discuss online safety and Internet security with the people in your life outside of school. Keeping safe online will be a skill you will need for the rest of your life and being comfortable discussing it with others will help keep you informed and spread the word about online safety.

### **Instructions:**

**1. Gather & review your notes and our class material** (you may want to print some of our presentations) so you are prepared to talk about Online Safety. Your topics may include:

- Viruses & Anti-Virus software
- Spyware & Anti-Spyware software
- Phishing and Online Scams
- Choosing a good password
- Identity Theft
- Virus & Spyware protection for cell phones
- Hazards of using open Wifi spots

**2. Have a Discussion about Online Safety with people you know:**

Talk to at least two people this weekend about Internet security, creating good passwords and acting safely online. Tell them the most interesting information you learned and ask them what they know about online safety. Discuss how to act safe online and the risks of people accessing your personal information. You may want to share some of the presentations from class and websites like: [www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org) And Take some notes so you can...

**3. Write about these conversations and include:**

- A. Who you talked to?** Do not write down their names, just who they are in your life, for example: your aunt, neighbor, younger brother, or friend (members of our class do NOT count). Remember you need to talk with at least two people.
- B. At least two things you taught them** that they did not know about online security.
- C. At least two things you learned** from them about being safe on line.
- D. Your reaction to doing this exercise.**
  - How was it talking with others about online safety?
  - Did you enjoy helping others?
  - Did anything surprise you?
  - Will you do it again? Online hazards & scams will be different in the future so it is best to get comfortable talking about online safety with others.
  - Did it make you understand how to be safe on line more?
  - Is there more you want to learn about online security and safety?

**Take the time to think about what we have learned and how to apply & share this information. Include all the material in section 3 above - this should be several paragraphs of information. Write on a sheet of paper or in a Word document if you like. Turn in your page by next Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. I hope you enjoy sharing about Online Safety!**