



**Where Kids
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Many of our 5th grade students have an email account now through school—make sure you know their password and email address!!

Etiquette on Facebook?

- ▶ Are there rules and boundaries that parents should consider when kids are working on social media sites, like Facebook? First of all, parents should investigate any social media site their child wants to work on. For example, the required age for Facebook is age 13 so any child in elementary school should not have access to Facebook because it is truly designed for teenagers and adults. Using the age as an excuse to wait is a great teaching opportunity when it comes to integrity. Once your child reaches 13 years of age and wants to be on Facebook here are a few principles to keep in mind-

You will be their first friend on Facebook and will monitor their activity (Tip: parents can set up account so that all messages will go through your email account)

You should know all of their Facebook friends and limit the personal information they share (Tip: parents need to help kids set up their privacy settings and make sure that not just anyone can see their profile)

You should have a conversation with your child about the positive and negative outcomes of Facebook (Tip: parents need to remind students that inappropriate language and bullying can occur and the same consequences will occur)

Lastly, you should establish time limits.

As a parent remember that Facebook and other social media sites are privileges which can be taken away if used inappropriately. If your child does have a Facebook page at this time please know their password, check it regularly, and remember to limit your child's personal information as much as possible.

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