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Dear Parents,

In the last few weeks it has come to my attention that some of our kids are engaging in inappropriate behavior on their phones and other mobile devices while at home or at friends houses. Even though I love these kids, it's not my job to monitor what happens after school hours but when it lands on my desk, as this has, I have to address it.

You may recall we had Jessie Weinberger, a nationally recognized Internet Safety expert, spend a day with us in the Fall. She spoke at length with the students and in the evening with parents about being safe on the internet and about putting inappropriate content on the internet. I am going to "lift" some of the suggestions in the book to share with you.

- If you have given your children digital devices, you should feel obligated to monitor what they are doing on them. You need to "snoop" through all of their devices at irregular but consistent intervals. Check every week but never at the same times.
- Check all incoming and outgoing texts.
- Check the browser history.
- Log into their social accounts and scroll through posts from and to your child.

There are many more suggestions but I think you get the point. Please, watch what they are doing on social media. This is a big part of their lives now and with it comes responsibilities and sometimes dire consequences.

Sincerely,

*Sister Merris*

