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Parents,

At USD 207 we realize that it is vital that the structure of lessons delivered to students evolve to reflect how 21st Century learners use technology in pursuit of knowledge. Our on-going objective is to improve student learning, productivity and engagement by providing all students ubiquitous access to an individualized digital learning environment within the classroom.

We have iPads as digital devices on demand to help accomplish the goal of access for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students within a classroom setting. District/Teacher approved grade level appropriate apps are preloaded by the technology department on the iPads. Student will not have the ability to download apps. The iPads will connect to the Internet. We use the content filter iBoss to provide protection that enforces Child Internet Protection Act and other regulations, while enabling mobile learning and safe Web access.

Each Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade student in USD 207 will have access to these iPads throughout the day. These devices will remain in the school and not be taken home.

Students will be introduced to the iPads by their classroom teacher and the technology department. The students will review the Acceptable Use Policy, discuss appropriate online behavior, cyber bullying, iPad care and responsibility.

We are eager to see the use of iPads in the classroom, the improvement that the devices have on student learning and the student's philosophy toward using them. We will continue to keep you posted on our progress with these and invite your feedback as your child shares this learning experience with you.

Sincerely,

Liddell Hobin Director of Technology Services