

Digiteen Dream Team

By students who believe in digital citizenship for people and companies and the value of 3D virtual worlds in education.

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A look into virtual World Teaching with Elementary Kids: Woogi World



As part of the [Digiteen project](#), we had to select a group of students at our school to teach about Digital Citizenship. We found a website called [Woogi World](#). We felt like Woogi World was the best website to choose because it stressed the important aspects of digital citizenship by playing games and having fun.

Using Woogi world we taught fourth grade children the importance of safety, balance, and

respect on the internet. You can see some of the things we did on our [Woogi World Blog](#). One of the things my group members and I liked most about Woogi World is it's simple to navigate and how the games were really fun and taught digital citizenship.

We chose to teach the elementary because we felt that children this age were getting on the computer a lot, but didn't know how to act or react on the internet. I think our Woogi World Project was a complete success! We accomplished more than we ever would have imagined. The kids loved Woogi World and had a blast learning about the internet. I think all of the schools need programs like this so the kids can learn early on what it means to be a Digital Citizen. If we teach them now later it will be second nature to them.

My favorite game on Woogi world was the Stranger Danger game. The instructions were for you to decide whether what the woogi was asking appropriate questions you could answer.

The woogi might have looked nice, but if he asked you an inappropriate question you would have to throw him in the trash pile! Some of the questions for the bad woogis would ask wer; "where do you live?", " what school do you go to?", "what is your phone number?", "what is your real name?", etc. If you happen to tell a stranger these things, it could be very dangerous. That is why Stranger Danger was my favorite game; not because it was fun but because it teaches a powerful message that ALL kids who get on the internet should know.



Here are some quotes from our team as we shared on our Digiteen post-project reflections:

"This website is completely safe and the kids enjoyed it." [Kunjan](#)

Ways to Speak Out about Keeping Lively

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"My team and I choose this website because we thought that kids would like this website

and we realized that kids are starting to use the internet at earlier ages than we did and most kids at this age do not know much about how to be safe online." [Ethan](#)

"The group was very effective." [Tinsley](#)

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Posted by ke923 at 2:09 PM

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[AnnK](#) said...

I would like to congratulate your group on the work you are doing with the Year4s.

You are absolutely correct about the need for young children to learn about safe and protective behaviour on the Internet.

Just as it does not make sense trying to keep children away from roads instead of teaching them how to cross safely, so it is not sensible to try and keep them off the Internet instead of teaching them about the benefits and dangers.

I am also pleased that you have been able to link the learning they are doing with fun - you have found it is a combination that works - well done!!

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[ke923](#) said...

@ AnnK- Thank you so much for your appreciation. My classmates and I, especially my group members and me, are really glad that someone besides us think we are doing the right thing by teaching children about the internet instead of just letting them be unsafe online. Thank you. :]

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Who is the Digiteen Dream Team?

We are ninth grade students at Westwood Schools in Camilla and started this blog to speak out about the fact that Google Lively is shutting down.

We have three major goals at this time:

1) Encouraging Corporate Digital Citizenship

Companies that discontinue services should try to provide alternatives to their users to be able to save content and continue use of the service in other ways. This is good digital citizenship for corporations.

2) Sharing How We Think Virtual Worlds Can be Used in Schools

We believe virtual worlds are great tools and want to share what we've done and how we think companies can profit from providing these services to students like us.

3) Creation of a Digital World to Teach Digital Citizenship to Students

Our dream is to teach digital

citizenship to students via an easy to use 3D virtual world that is easily accessible to people who do not have a lot of bandwidth or good computers and allow schools to create rooms at minimal or no expense. We will explore other alternatives, share what we find, and pursue this goal.

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