

FOCUS ON WHAT KIDS ARE DOING

DEVELOP 21ST CENTURY SKILLS!

PLAYING

CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

- Focus on play that requires working things out or multiple levels.
- **Kids can** solve puzzles, use counting and math toys, simulate worlds, play board games, put on puppet shows, and use their imagination.

READING

INFORMATION LITERACY

- After reading books and magazines: ask questions, look for hidden meaning, make connections, and ask *What if?* about the ending.
- **Kids can** use the Internet or visit the library to find out more.

CRAFTING

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

- With any medium, follow instructions but then build on ideas.
- Celebrate inventiveness, failure, feedback, and new ideas.
- **Kids can** create new designs and instructions for friends to try.

WATCHING & LISTENING

MEDIA LITERACY

- Discuss ads critically by asking kids *Who, What, Where, Why?*
- **Kids can** create media by shooting video/photos, writing songs, recording podcasts, and writing stories. *Follow copyright laws.

SURFING & GAMING

ICT LITERACY (ICT = INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY)

- Be Web safe by using safe search engines and parental controls.
- Tell kids to never post personal or defamatory information.
- **Kids can** develop their own games or websites! *Follow copyright laws.

WORKING

PRODUCTIVITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- For chores or jobs, set goals and plan ways to track when they are met.
- Encourage accountability.
- **Kids can** use calendars and other tools to manage time and multitask.

NETWORKING

COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION

- Reinforce the guidelines for safe and appropriate networking.
- Emphasize good “listening” skills and respect for others.
- **Kids can** collaborate to make plans, do homework, or help a friend.

PARTICIPATING

LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY

- Sports and clubs will encourage teamwork and responsibility.
- **Kids can** demonstrate leadership, inspiration, integrity, and ethical behavior as they help the group reach common goals.