Grade 3 - Lesson 13

Understands and follows rules of Internet Safety

Internet safety should not be taught in isolation, and as only a one shot lesson, but rather touched on in nearly every computer lesson where a connection to the Internet is used. Internet safety can also be referenced in the course of other lessons taught about safety regarding strangers, gangs, drugs, sexual harassment, etc…in later grades.

This lesson does not need to be taught with students at their own computers. You could conduct the reading of the article together as a class using an LCD projector, or students can use the article here:
http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/net_safety.html
as an opportunity to do research on Internet safety based on their reading of the article and any personal experiences they may have had. Ask students to share their opinions about weather the guidelines mentioned in the article are valid, and why and why not.

This particular article is available in Spanish. Ideally, students will go home and discuss these ideas with their parents and siblings. Students can report back what rules they may have (or have established) for the use of the Internet at home.

Students can write their own report on Internet safety at this age, but should also do this in later grades to demonstrate their awareness of the dangers on line. All LAUSD students should read, independently and together, the LAUSD AUP (Acceptable Use Policy) for use of the Internet while at school. The contents of this document should also be discussed openly in class.

The LAUSD AUP is available by clicking on the tiny link at the bottom of the LAUSDnet Home Page. Another good source of information on Internet safety is www.isafe.org. You can also call Henry Anker to do a presentation on this at your school for teachers, students, or parents.