

Brookline Sprouts Technology Policy - 2023 Update

Brookline Sprouts acknowledges that technology can be a large part of a child's life. However, in order to maintain our classroom and complete activities, it must be used inside of a positive framework. For the summer, we have LOTS of activities planned! We also have a fully stocked room with lots of toys, art supplies, games, and more for unstructured times. In addition, Sprouts has 4 desktop computers and 4 laptops that the children can play on during TECHNOLOGY TIME ONLY - the children will take turns being on the sprouts computers for 30 minutes each. The times are posted above the computers within the room as well as on the schedule; this is the ONLY time the children are allowed on computers or personal devices. If personal devices are brought in for technology time, the children will be asked to keep them in their cubby until Technology Time. They will then be returned to their cubby when Technology time ends. This eliminates any issues concerning sharing, appropriate content, cooperation for group activities, and more. We want to ensure that we have the best environment possible for all children to have a great summer in Sprouts. Brookline Sprouts is not responsible if a student's personal device(s) are lost, stolen, or damaged. If a child damages any Sprouts technology via misuse, the family may be responsible for costs.

Students are expected to:

- Have a bag, backpack, sleeve, or other means of transporting and storing their device(s) and accessories.
- Treat ALL electronics with respect and care.
- Refrain from using other student's electronics.
- Wear headphones or earbuds during any times they would like their sound on. They must also be able to hear if a staff member is calling them at all times. Sprouts can provide a few headphones if needed, but are not guaranteed.
- Ensure that any plugs left uncovered when they are done charging their device are re-covered, whether by their own means or alerting the teacher and or the staff member in the room.
- Respect the decision of the teacher or any other staff member with regard to their electronics at all times.
- If the children would like to use technology, they will have to be able to use it without support from the teacher and/or staff member in the room. if they are unable to self-manage, they may be told they are not allowed to use it. Staff cannot maintain or store usernames and passwords for applications and web sites.
- *Content must be appropriate for the room. Websites, applications, games, text, or other content that exhibit violent behaviors, inappropriate language, sexually explicit content or any other subject matter deemed unacceptable by staff will need to be stopped immediately. Please remember, this space will include a variety of ages, as young as Kindergarteners, and content older children are allowed access to at home may not be appropriate at Sprouts.*
- If families have concerns about being in contact with their child throughout the day, they are encouraged to call the center during times that phones are in cubbies. They may also utilize Brightwheel so that teachers can relay messages.

By signing below, both myself and my child agree to the above policies.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____