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Dear Parents of Kdg-4th grade students:

During August enrollment you will be asked to give permission for your child to have a Google Apps for Education Account. There are many exciting instructional purposes to having access to these tools.

USD 382 School District continues to focus on “Digital Citizenship” for all students in grades K-12. The purpose is to **teach safe and responsible online behavior**.

Students in Kdg-4th grades will be assigned a Google Apps for Education account. For grades K-4 this will only give students access to **Google Drive**, which includes word processing, presentation, drawing, and other productivity tools. **Students will not have access to Gmail until 5th grade**. Students in grades 5-8 can only email within the USD 382 domain.

Some of the benefits of Google Drive include: collaboration with other students in the classroom, the ability to share one’s individual or group project with other students, as well as the classroom teacher, and the creation of an electronic portfolio that can stay with the student through the 12th grade.

The USD 382 School District is committed to preparing students for college and career after high school. We believe that Google Drive is an excellent tool in the classroom to create “responsible digital citizens” who are creative and engaged in their own learning.

Should you have any questions about the Google Drive Account, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or the administration at Southwest Elementary School or Pratt Academic Center.

Sincerely,

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