Welcome to the wonderful world of EdTech (Educational Technology). This is an exciting time to be a student. However, with new technology sometimes comes a slight learning curve. We are here to help! Here are a few basics to get you started with your child's new Citrus County School District issued iPad (and some pointers if they are using a classroom set).

**Safari**

Safari is the default internet browser of your child's iPad. Don't worry; there's a filter on our school devices, so questionable content is blocked.

If your child is a middle or high school student, they have been given a school-issued Google Email address. These will be set up at school. Be sure to check this often for emails from teachers and the school!

**LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

An LMS, or Learning Management System, is where students “turn in” digital work to their teacher(s). Edmodo, eBackpack, and Google Classroom are examples of an LMS. Talk to your child’s teacher to find out more about how to navigate their digital LMS at home to keep track of assignments, due dates, and more.

"Settings" is where you'll find lots of options to modify on the iPad. Most of these don't need to be changed, however, you may need to access some menus here to help with some minor technology issues you may run into.

**Wi-Fi**

Our district uses a Wi-Fi filter for security. While off campus, students will need to log in with their school-issued username and password to use the internet.

**Easy Fixes**

Sometimes, tools have hiccups. Copy machines, computers, even pencil sharpeners. Follow the steps below for some easy iPad fixes.

**Wi-Fi:** Slide Wi-Fi to "Off," then to "On" again.

**Settings > General > Reset > Reset Network Settings.**

**Apps:** Double-click home button and swipe "up" to dismiss a buggy app, then open it again.

**Hard Reset:** When the above steps don't work, hold the home and sleep/wake buttons for five seconds to reboot the iPad.
Below, you'll see some of the most popular types of apps and websites for kids: texting, micro-blogging, self-destructing/secret, and chatting/meeting/dating. While our school district devices filter out non-educational apps and functions, the more you know about each of these services the better you'll be able to communicate with your child about safe choices on their personal phones and devices.

Kik Messenger is an app that lets kids text for free. It's fast and has no message limits, character limits, or fees if you only use the basic features. Because it's an app, the texts won't show up on your kid's phone's messaging service, and you're not charged for them (beyond standard data rates).

WhatsApp lets users send text messages, audio messages, videos, and photos to one or many people with no message limits or fees.

Instagram lets users snap, edit, and share photos and 15-second videos, either publicly or with a private network of followers.

GroupMe is another app that doesn't charge fees or have limits for direct and group messages. Users can also send photos, videos, and calendar links.

Tumblr is like a cross between a blog and Twitter: It's a streaming scrapbook of text, photos, and/or videos and audio clips. Users create and follow short blogs, or "tumblogs," that can be seen by anyone online (if made public).

Musical.ly – Your Music Video Community is a performance and video sharing social network that mostly features teens lip syncing and to famous songs but also includes some original songwriting and singing.

Twitter is a microblogging tool that allows users to post brief, 140-character messages -- called "tweets" -- and follow other users' activities.

YouNow: Broadcast, Chat, and Watch Live Video is an app that lets kids stream and watch live broadcasts. As they watch, they can comment or buy gold bars to give to other users.

Live.ly – Live Video Streaming poses all of the same risks that all live streaming services do, so poor choices, oversharing, and chatting with strangers are all a part of the package.

Snapchat is a messaging app that lets users put a time limit on the pictures and videos they send before they disappear.