

OVERVIEW

Students discuss what viruses are, how quickly they can spread, and how computer viruses can damage computers. They watch "UYN: Don't Open That File." The students review the main points and decode clues to find a hidden message.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Enhance the ability of children to recognize dangers on the Internet.

MATERIALS

- computer lab or computer connected to an LCD projector or television monitor
- "UYN: Don't Open That File" show
- hidden message activity (attachment 1)
- pencils or pens

INTERNET SAFETY MESSAGE

I will tell a trusted adult if I come across anything that makes me feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. I will not download anything from anyone without permission from my parents or guardian.

TIME

20 minutes

ACTIVITY

Has anyone ever had a virus in their body before? What type of virus was it? Possible answers include chicken pox, cold, flu, stomach virus. How did you get rid of the virus? The body had to fight the virus, medicine. Just like our bodies can be invaded by viruses, our computers can be invaded by viruses that can be very harmful. Let's watch Webster as he has a close call with a computer virus. Notice what Clicky does to help his computer.

Watch "UYN: Don't Open That File."

How did Webster almost get a virus in his computer? He almost opened an E-card that had a virus. What did Clicky do to protect Webster's computer? He warned Webster about the virus and updated his antivirus software. If you get an E-mail from someone you don't know, what should you do? Why? Don't open it; ask a trusted adult for help; have them scan it; update your antivirus software. Is it safe to open E-mail or other things sent by friends and family? Not always. They could send a virus without knowing it. That's why antivirus software is very important.

Hand each student a copy of the hidden message activity and a pencil or pen. Have each student complete the activity and discuss the answers.

Answers to the hidden message activity:

1. E-mail 2. Clicky 3. Forward 4. Adult 5. You 6. Virus 7. Virus 8. Your 9. Open
Clicky's hidden message: Always UYN.

For more information about viruses, please visit www.staysafeonline.info, sponsored by the National Cyber Security Alliance.

CLICKY'S HIDDEN MESSAGE

ATTACHMENT 1

Fill in the missing word in each sentence.
Then use the **circled letter** in each word to figure out the message.

NAME: _____

1. If you get an ___ - o ___ ___ from someone you don't know, don't open it.

2. o ___ ___ ___ is the NetSmartz robot who likes to rap.

3. The last thing you want to do is
___ o ___ ___
a virus to family and friends.

4. If you're not sure if your computer has a virus, ask a trusted

o ___ ___ ___.

5. Before o ___ ___ open an attachment, scan it first.

6. A ___ ___ ___ o can make your computer run slow or even shut down.

7. Anti ___ ___ ___ o software helps protect your computer from getting sick.

8. Be careful not to send a virus to o ___ ___ ___ friends or family.

9. Don't ___ ___ ___ o any attachments, like E-cards, without scanning them first.

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