Parenting Advice: Social Media for Children





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Ah, social media — youth and older people alike are very involved in it. When it comes to your children, you obviously want them to be safe when it comes to the web. Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat are more for teens and adults than they are for children though. The good news is, there are social media platforms specifically designed for our youth. This is great because it can let parents relax a little. Nevertheless, you want to make sure that you have a serious conversation with your children about safety on social media.

Here are a few fun social media sites for your children to use along with some <u>parenting advice</u> on how to make sure your kids are safe when it comes to the web:

Make sure to sit down with your children and have a talk about the positives and the dangers of social media. Let them know that they must think before friending people and before clicking the send button. Also, make sure to monitor their activities online. With that being said, have an open line of communication with your kids and make sure there is trust there. This will really help now and in the long run.

Now, here are the social media sites for your little ones:

1. <u>Kidzworld</u>: What is cool about this site is the multi uses for it. Your child will have the choice to create a profile, message friends, partake in secure chat rooms, play online games, create polls, write blogs, and read movie and tv reviews, articles on family and other topics on life! The site is moderated and is for ages nine to 16.

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2. <u>Gromsocial</u>: Parents will be spiked to know that this site is actively monitored 24/7, and adults can only access it once it is confirmed that they are the parents of a user. It's also password protected and parents can receive emails on their child's online activity. Wow! This site gives kids the option to chat, share videos, and get help with their homework. Sounds great to us!

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3. <u>Club penguin</u>: This is more of a place to play games, but children can chat with any other penguins (other children). This is a Disney site where children are penguins and can explore. They play games with other users, live in igloos that they can decorate, and more. This fun site is a community that encourages kids to be friendly and creative. Also, this site does not allow third party advertisements and they monitor all chats.

Which social media platform are you excited for your child to try? Comment below!