

The Clark family technology agreement, effective 1/13 – 1/14
Suggestions and addendums welcome.
Starred items created by J (14) and A(12).
Each person contributed to and oks this agreement.

Computers:

1. * When A has something to say, Mommy has to close the laptop and listen.
2. * When J is using the computer and A wants to use it, she doesn't automatically get to use it. Same for J. The exception is when the person who wants the computer has to do homework and the one using the computer is not doing homework.
3. Laptops are work devices. They are not to be used by anyone other than the person who needs it for work. Some exceptions may be granted with permission.
4. Everyone needs to keep orange juice far away from laptops. At all times.

Mobile devices:

1. No one (including mom and dad) can check text messages or answer the phone when we are at the dinner table, watching a television program or film together, or playing a game together. That's what voice mail and answering machines are for.
2. * Where is the nook? Let's find it.
3. Whenever someone finishes using the iPad (or the nook, once we find it), he or she needs to plug it into the charger so that the next person who wants to use it can find it and it will be ready for use.
4. When J gets a data plan, his phone will need to be placed up on the kitchen counter overnight.
5. J can get a data plan when he has demonstrated that he has earned \$20 each month for three months in a row and can therefore pay for that data plan. If he fails to pay for the data plan it will be discontinued after a one-month grace period.
6. * Mom can't talk on the phone about J or A when they are in the same room and can hear her.

Mediated transportation:

1. * When more than one person is in the car, no one can talk on the phone to other people (this means you, Mom).
2. The driver picks the music, but unless it's a long trip, A says no NPR or talk radio.

Media & Learning:

1. * Mom and Dad agree that they will each will ask A and J to show them things that they think are fun to view on YouTube, and Mom and Dad agree that they will devote 15 minutes to doing nothing else but listening to them describe why they like what they've chosen to show.
2. * Mom will enthusiastically spend 15 minutes straight experimenting with Minecraft under A's supervision.

Media & Leisure:

1. We will have weekly technology-free activities, like hiking, biking, or walking the dogs. Occasionally, we will take technology-free retreats, like when fishing or camping.
2. * J can program a new ringtone for Mom every month as long as it costs less than \$1.