

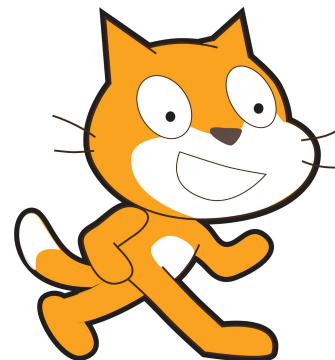
Scratch Accounts in Science

Please sign and return by:

[Current Date]

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In our sixth grade science classes, we are studying forest ecosystems using a variety of exciting technology tools. One of these technology tools is a free online application created at MIT called Scratch: <http://scratch.mit.edu/>



The ecosystems unit includes a collaborative project where students will work together in small groups to complete a challenge. The online version of Scratch allows students to collaborate on projects, which will be beneficial to students throughout the course of their ecosystems project.

The online version of Scratch requires students to have their own account. If given permission, students will be guided through the process of creating their own username and strong password with the assistance of our school Library Technology Specialist.

Please reach out with any questions,

[Your Name]

Science Teacher

[Your School]

Please complete reverse side of this paper.

TO BE TRANSLATED INTO STUDENT'S HOME LANGUAGE
SCRATCH
INFORMED CONSENT AND RELEASE

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian, hereby understand that CPS is utilizing the services of Scratch.mit.edu, a programming and media creation tool developed at MIT that allows students to use creativity while learning about computer programming and logic. I understand that there is an online community component to Scratch in which students create accounts and are able to share their work, comment on other work and remix other projects and upload their projects in order to be able to access their projects beyond the school day. I also understand that as part of this activity my child may be posting his/her name, image, likeness, spoken words, student work, performance and movement and/or other personal and/or personally identifiable information, in any form (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Works"), and displaying, publishing, distributing or exhibiting these Works or any part thereof on the Internet and that all or part of these submissions may be viewed, accessed or otherwise seen by members of the general public. I further hereby acknowledge and agree that the City of Cambridge, Cambridge School Committee and Cambridge Public Schools do not own or control Scratch, and any of my child's Works that are posted on or through this website shall be managed and controlled by Scratch in accordance with its website privacy and community guidelines requirements and policies. I further acknowledge that I and my child have read the website privacy and community guidelines requirements and policies of Scratch.

By entering into this informed consent and release and granting the permission as stated herein, I am expressly authorizing my child to participate, use and submit Works through Scratch. I also am expressly authorizing the Cambridge Public Schools to use, in whole or in part, my child's Works in connection with Scratch, including without limitation, the posting of these Works on or through Scratch. I further understand that neither the City of Cambridge, Cambridge School Committee and/or Cambridge Public Schools and/or their respective officers, directors, agents and/or employees shall compensate either me or my child in connection with the posting of the Works on or through Scratch.

By entering into this informed consent and release and granting the permission as stated herein, I also am releasing the City of Cambridge, Cambridge School Committee and Cambridge Public Schools and their respective officers, directors, agents and/or employees from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, costs, claims and/or causes of action arising out of or related to my child's Works being posted on or through Scratch, and/or for my child participating and using Scratch. I have read this Informed Consent and Release and understand its terms. I sign it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Child's Signature: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____