

Dear _____,

Happy birthday! You are celebrating your 9th birthday this year. How exciting!

You are getting a special present for your birthday this year. You are a good and responsible girl and you worked hard to deserve this gift. We are proud of you. Always keep striving to be the best person you can be.

When you open this gift you will be excited and so happy! And we are thrilled to be able to give this to you! However, by accepting this gift you accept the rules around how and when you are able to use it.

Please find it carefully. Our job as your parents is to ensure that you grow up into a healthy, smart and well-rounded person. There is a whole world out there to learn, explore and understand. You can't always get that by looking at a screen. At the end of the day, the most important thing is not "things" but the love and support of your family and the special friends you have.

If you don't follow the rules as they are outlined here, you will lose this privilege and will have to earn it back.

We love you with all our hearts.

Love Mom and Dad

Here are rules you need to follow:

1. Mom and dad bought this for you. It is a privilege not a right. If you don't respect, take care of it or follow the rules it will be taken away.
2. We will always know all your passwords and logins.
3. You will always ask for permission to join a group, share information, set up a new account or download something to the device. We always need to know what you are looking at and what you are doing on the device. If mom and dad don't agree, you will not do it and you will accept our answer. There is always room to talk about it and discuss further.
4. It will be stored in the living room with the other device. It will not be stored in your room at any time.
5. You are responsible for keeping it safe, clean and charged. Always.
6. If you break it or lose it, you will pay to get it fixed or replaced with your own money.
7. You will always provide an opportunity to share this with others in the family.

8. Mom and dad will determine how often you are allowed to use it. Within reason, you may get a chance to use it on a school night. If it doesn't work out because you are busy with activities, school work or family activities, that's ok. There is always another day.

9. It NEVER goes to school with you. You have to ask for permission to take it outside of the house, anytime, every time.

10. Play a game with words or puzzles or brain teasers every now and then.

11. Keep your eyes up. See the world happening around you. Stare out a window. Listen to the birds. Play outside. Play a game. Read or draw. Engage in conversation. You'll learn more about yourself and the people around you that way.

12. You will mess up. We will take it away. We will sit down and talk about it. We will start over again. You & I, we are always learning. We are on your team. We are in this together.

We hope you agree to these rules. You are growing up in a fast and ever changing world. Keep it simple every chance you get. Trust your powerful mind and giant heart above any machine. We love you. We hope you enjoy your awesome new present. Happy Birthday!

Love ya,

Mom and Dad