

PRESCHOOL OFFERS INTERNET FOR TODDLERS

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CINCINNATI - Kristen Gulley, a kindergarten teacher at The Goddard School® in Landen, says while her students use the Internet inside her classroom, it's all about balance.

"We have the daily time that the students are on the computer. But then we also have the outdoors, and the regular course curriculum and free play," Gulley said.

However, a new study conducted by [Time Magazine's Techland website](#) suggests that it's a balance that's needed. The study states 80 percent of kids under the age of five use the Internet weekly. Sixty percent of kids three and younger are now watching videos online.

Gulley says while some people may be caught off guard by these percentages, she is not. "I see children as young as three picking up on the computer really quickly. And they'll click things and know how to navigate the computer more than I do sometimes."

Karen Krieger, owner of The Goddard School, says her students only use the internet under strict supervision and must be playing a game that includes an aspect of learning.

"A lot of children are having access. The parents are on the technology at home and they just include the children. So we do hear a lot about that. It's a little frightening," Krieger said.

Gulley says to let kids play outside, but when it's time to learn, The Goddard School knows how to embrace technology.
