

Computer Technology

Dear Parents,

This year's computer technology class will cover the basic history of computers and explore the function and use of computers in conjunction with their academic studies. I will be teaching students how to apply practical programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. The students will be introduced to keyboarding and internet research.

In an effort to empower and motivate our students, I am sending home a list of computer websites and programs that we use in the classroom. To continue to help expand their basic computer skills and enhance their reading, writing, and math skills, I would like to invite them to practice at home. These websites cover various classroom subjects and the programs are tools that can be useful for school presentations. Throughout the school year, I will discuss and emphasize the importance of internet safety. Please help me reinforce this message.

Finally, this year I will be helping to facilitate the assessment testing program. At least twice a year students in grades 2-8 will be tested in reading and mathematics. I'm looking forward to having a great school year!

Sincerely,

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Websites

www.starfall.com- Starfall is a free website that teaches children how to read and write in English. Designed for first grade, Starfall is also useful for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and second grade.

www.abcya.com- ABCya has online games for kids in K-5 sorted by grade level. Games incorporate areas such as math and language arts while introducing basic computer skills.

www.oakdome.com- Oakdome is technology lesson plans for elementary school children. There are activities for word processing, spreadsheets and graphing, powerpoint presentations, and internet research.

www.kinderwebgames.com- Kinderwebgames are: Animal Matching Game · Letter Learning Game · Number Learning Game · Color Learning Game · Animal Learning Game · Shape Learning Game · Time Telling

www.pbskids.org- Play educational games watch *PBS KIDS* shows and find activities like coloring and music.

www.khanacademy.org- Khan Academy is a library of over 3000 videos covering everything from arithmetic to physics, finance, and history and hundreds of skills to practice.

www.netsmartz.com- Netsmartz is a program that gives basic tips on how to protect you child/children while exploring the internet and social media.

www.sciencebuddies.org- Sciencebuddies is a website to assist students in finding a science fair project idea.

www.mathletics.com- Mathletics covers all aspects of math for students. Teachers can assign math problems for practice and review.