

Technology Class Newsletter



Kindergarten

Kindergarten continues learning how to navigate to different areas on the computer. They use the website: www.starfall.com to practice letter sounds and reading.

Kindergartners will begin learning more about certain keys on the keyboard such as enter, backspace, spacebar, and the period. They will continue practicing holding shift to make a capital letter.

Students will begin using interactive math websites to practice skills being learned in the classroom.

First Grade

First grade is using Encarta Kids to conduct research about ocean animals. They will use the information they find to create a Microsoft Word document telling about the animal. They will also learn to copy and paste a picture of the animal into the document.

Second Grade

Second grade is using educational websites to practice telling time and counting money.

Second grade is learning to use animations in Microsoft Office PowerPoint. They will be creating a story and making an animation to go with their story.

Study Island is a fun way to practice Math and Reading at home. Go to www.studyisland.com and log on:

Example:

Username: `firstname.lastname@ccs`

Password: `your zip code`

Third Grade

Third grade continues to practice typing with Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing. Ask them which keys make up the "homerow." The students are learning the importance of good posture and taking breaks while learning to type.

Practice multiplication at:
www.arcademickillbuilders.com



Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is working on a comparison slide using PowerPoint. The students will investigate current forms of technology and compare the risks and benefits to society.

Fourth grade is also using a fun math website to simulate running a lemonade stand for 30 days. They have to determine how much lemonade to make (based on daily cost per glass), how much to sell it for and how many advertising signs to put up. The game is challenging, but fun!

Fifth & Sixth Grade

Fifth and Sixth Graders are currently working on motivational posters for a school contest. Their job is to create a poster using a picture of a CCS student displaying the school-wide core virtue of the month. They must also come up with some text that ties the picture and virtue together.

Fifth and Sixth Graders just completed a unit on Researching. They learned how to effectively use the Internet as a search tool. They learned the difference between directories, search engines and meta-search engines. They also learned how to use key word searching to get better results.