

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN COMPUTER CLASSES THIS MONTH?

1st & 2nd Grades: Classes will be using a program this month titled Kidspiration. The students will use the program to learn Geography, Math, Science and Writing principles. Kidspiration offers a unique opportunity for students to learn core school subjects using basic computer skills.

3rd Grade: Classes will be tested each week on their typing skills and will learn to navigate the Microsoft Word 2010 program. At the beginning of each class, the students will take two timed typing tests to increase their number of words typed per minute. The students will gradually increase their ability to type faster and more accurately by using the “Home Row Key” method. By practicing their accuracy, the students will hone their skills further by completing writing assignments on various topics using Microsoft Word 2010.

4th Grade: Fourth grade is finishing their state reports. They are using PowerPoint and Publisher right now to create a brochure and slideshow of their state. They will be presenting these to parents starting next week with a special luncheon.

5th Grade: Fifth grade has just finished their Colony brochures. They have learned about bibliographies, research, and formatting for this project. They are now practicing their typing skills and doing creative writing for the next couple of weeks.

6th Grade: Sixth grade is reviewing Publisher by creating an advertisement for a product. We are reviewing layers, backgrounds, text boxes, shapes, and transferring pictures from Paint to Publisher.

Photoshop: Students are finishing a slideshow of pictures in which they used Photoshop to put themselves in places around the world. They are working with layers, erasing, saving to jpeg, and lighting.

Web Page: Students are working on a Mission’s website. They are using Microsoft Expression and Design to build several web pages with graphics, a mission statement, and developing an idea for a site to help others.