

Computer Quarterly

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Miscellaneous Information

We are off to a great start in our new Technology Center. I am very happy with the outcome of the new Technology Center. If you haven't seen it yet come in and check it out. We have new flat screen monitors, new counters, new adjustable chairs, computer microscopes, and a SMART Board. The SMART Board is the latest in educational technology, and we are hoping to someday have one in every classroom.

Our Lady of the Lakes School is on the web. Every teacher including me has a webpage on that site. My webpage link is at the bottom of this newsletter, or you can get to it from the ourladylakes.org site. If you ever have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me via email. My email address is also at the bottom of this newsletter.

What We Have Been Doing In Class

Kindergarten / First Grade – To start off the year we reviewed the functions of "Kid Pix Studio" and "Kid Pix 4". Then we created and published a class alphabet book. Each student created two or three pages of the book. It is on display in the Technology Center. "Starfall.com" was also used a lot in class to improve our phonics and reading skills.

Second Grade – This is the year when we start to do a lot of keyboarding. We are beginning to learn how to use the correct hand to type the keys and to learn the locations of the letters on the keyboard. To start this we created a giant keyboard which is on display in the Technology Center. We have used "Type to Learn 1.1 and various Internet website games to practice our keyboarding. Each student also created a "Funky Photo Frame". Every week we try to do some sort of Math activity on the Internet to help improve our Math skills.

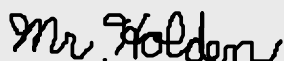
Third / Fourth Grade – Usually these are the years we do a lot of keyboarding skills, but now that we are down to one day per week I have this class do a lot of their keyboarding time outside of computer class with Mrs. Chipman. I do although check up on them in class every so often to see that their skills are progressing properly. I also would suggest that each student practice at home to help increase their typing skills. This is so very IMPORTANT. We discussed Computer History back to 3000 B.C. We just finished creating a Thanksgiving story book with "Kid Works Deluxe". Next we will be creating Cereal Box labels with our own made up cereal. Each student needs to bring in a cereal box.

Fifth / Sixth Grade – We started the year very briefly brushing up on our keyboarding skills. From there we began our "Windows XP" Unit reviewing various topics involved with "Windows XP". Currently the students are in the middle of the Word Processing Unit where they reviewed various functions of "Microsoft Word 2003", and learned many new advanced functions of the program. Currently the 5th grade is making Newsletters and the 6th grade is making a short story book.

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God Bless,



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Technology Wish List

- 5 New Computer Speakers
- 18 Computer Microphones
- SMART Sync 2009 (\$800)
- SMART Document Camera (Visual Presenter) to hook up to SMART Board (\$1000)
- "Type to Learn - New Keys For Kids" (Network) (\$600)
- Pentium 4 or Better Computers for classrooms (*please call or email first*)
- **Flat Screen** Monitors (No bulky CRT Monitors please)
- Digital Video Camera to use in 5th / 6th Grade Computer Class (\$300)
- A *SMART Board* for every classroom (\$2700 each)