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Miscellaneous Information

We have had a great year in the area of technology. The students of OLL have improved so much over the year, and that is great especially when technology changes every day. Because of this changing every day, we still have work to do. The addition of the SMART Boards in our school has been a great benefit in all areas of the curriculum. We should thank God for all the opportunities and technology (especially our new Technology Center) that we do have at our family school. I would like to wish our graduating 6th graders the best of luck in middle school and a great summer to all students of OLL School. I hope to see them all back in the fall.

Please visit my website for some great links for the younger grade students to do over the summer. My webpage link is at the bottom of this newsletter, or you can get to it from the ourladylakes.org site.

What We Have Been Doing In Class

Kindergarten / First Grade – Since the last Computer Quarterly this class made finger puppets with “Kid Pix 4” and then in groups presented a finger puppet play to the entire class. Hopefully your children brought home on Mother’s Day their beautiful flowers they made (grew) in “Kid Pix 4”. We have also done many various Internet website activities to help with various school topics.

Second Grade – The 2nd graders became published authors by making story books in “Kid Pix 4”. They then turned these story books into slideshows. Recently we have done a lot of keyboarding activities. I do recommend that students practice typing over the summer. They can use the BBC Typing site or just use a keyboard and retype something.

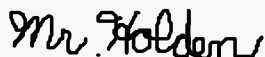
Third / Fourth Grade – The 4th grade students were able to become computer repairmen and women. They were able to take apart some old computers to learn about the parts of a computer and how it works. We did this after looking at a number of websites relating to computer parts etc. While the 4th grade took apart computers the 3rd grade brushed up on their keyboarding skills. Following these activities both the 3rd and 4th grade created map booklets with “Kid Pix 4”. We just finished those, and we currently are looking at Microsoft PowerPoint learning how to make a basic presentation..

Fifth / Sixth Grade – This class finished their Opening a Business Internet project where they had to open a business in another state finding property for their business, researching the area, finding other businesses related to their business, and finding things to do in their new city. Then we brushed up on our PowerPoint skills before creating the Graduation PowerPoint presentations. The 6th graders’ graduation PowerPoint will be shown at the graduation reception on Tuesday, and the 5th graders’ presentation will be saved until next year for their graduation from OLL after we add the 6th grade slides.

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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) (Elmo) to hook up to SMART Board (\$1000)
- "Type to Learn - New Keys For Kids" (Network) (\$600)
- **Flat Screen** Monitors (No bulky CRT Monitors please)
- Digital Video Camera to use in 5th / 6th Grade Computer Class (\$300)