

# Computer Quarterly

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Our Lady of the Lakes

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## Miscellaneous Information

Progress is the latest news from the OLL Technology Center. I am glad to see the students at OLL progressing well with their technology skills. The word progress can also be used to describe our use of technology as a whole at OLL. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> SMART Board has arrived and is in the 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. I see them using it all the time when I am at OLL. These are great additions to any school program. This is something that when you try to recruit new families to our school, you should mention SMART Boards as not all schools even have one, and we have 2.

Please visit my website. 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. I am at OLL on Tuesdays.

The OLL Adult Computer Class started this week on Tuesday evenings.

## What We Have Been Doing In Class

**Kindergarten / First Grade** – With “Kid Pix 4” the students have made snowmen, Christmas cards, pictures with just red, just green, 4 picture – pictures, people pictures using only shapes, pattern activity, fish, valentines for mom, and good deeds for Lent pictures. They have again used “starfall.com” quite a bit to help with the reading and phonics skills. In February we used some web pages at “abcya.com” to practice math skills, and the BBC Typing site to begin practicing keyboarding skills.

**Second Grade** – After finishing our “Kid Pix 4” keyboards, the students created a weather book in “Kid Pix 4” depicting many different weather patterns. Then they created their own cities making maps in “Kid Pix 4” of their cities. They then printed off real maps of a real city. This week we began making short story books using “Kid Pix 4” which will eventually be made into slideshows we will show the entire class on the SMART Board.

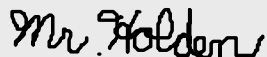
**Third / Fourth Grade** – After creating our cereal boxes, we have been engaged in our Business Unit. This unit began by playing “Coffee Shop”, a business simulation game. The students kept track of all their data numbers on a chart which they then did some math with the computer calculator and then transferred their findings to “Microsoft Excel” to create a chart and bar graph of the results. Currently this class is running their own McDonalds via a simulation online. Prior to playing this simulation we discussed good business techniques for this business. They will be assessed on how well they use these business techniques to run their McDonalds business.

**Fifth / Sixth Grade** – After completing our Word Processing Unit we began reviewing things about the Internet especially including Internet safety, searching techniques, and critiquing and evaluating websites. Currently they are working on the Internet project where they have to open their own business in another state researching the area, finding property, schools, other businesses they need to run their businesses etc.

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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)
- **Flat Screen** Monitors (No bulky CRT Monitors please)
- Digital Video Camera to use in 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Computer Class (\$300)
- A *SMART Board* for every classroom (\$2700 each)