



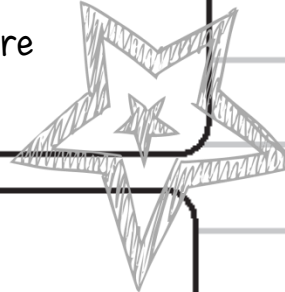
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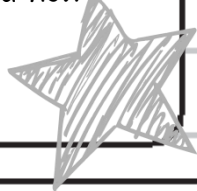
INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome to the first technology newsletter! It was time that all the amazing accomplishments the students achieve are highlighted in a special way. Our class goes by many names, "computers," "media," "technology," but we are all the related arts class. Mrs. Ragonese also goes by a few names as her students sometimes still refer to her as Miss Parrillo. No matter what we are called, we are excited to share with you everything we are learning.



KINDERGARTEN

In Kindergarten, we are exploring the keyboard and locating uppercase letters and matching them to the lowercase letters. We will be talking a lot about internet safety and how to stay safe while having fun on the computer.



FIRST GRADE

In first grade we are continuing to expand our knowledge of the keyboard. We are applying those skills to a word processing program called, "Open Office." The students learn about font, bold, italics, underline, and font color. We also spend time reviewing internet safety rules and what it means to be a digital citizen.

KEY WORDS AND VOCABULARY

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP: Showing safe, responsible, & respectful use of the internet.



SECOND GRADE

Second grade will begin to discuss digital citizenship a little deeper. We are focusing on the effects that our internet use has and the importance of leaving a positive digital footprint. They will use the word processing program, "Open Office" to reflect on what leaving a positive digital footprint means and looks like. The students will also be reviewing all the formatting tools from first grade and learning to search for pictures that are labeled for free use.



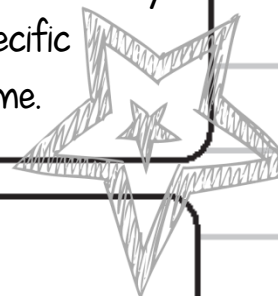
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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

This year we have covered many topics. Kindergarten was introduced to the mouse and clicking & dragging, first grade learned all about the home keys, and second grade has been focusing on proper typing technique and posture. All grades have had extensive experience coding! Kindergarten and first grade use block programming, called Blockly, and second grade has begun introductory javascript coding! See below for specific websites and programs to encourage your children to continue coding at home.



UPCOMING TECH WEEKS

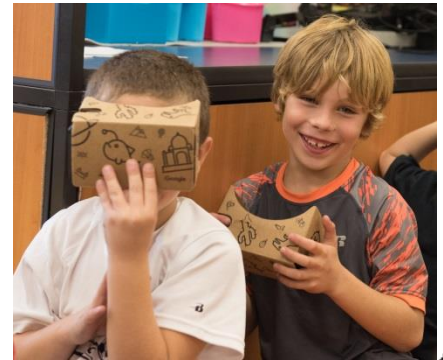
THE WEEKS OF:

- February 22nd
 - February 29th
 - March 21st
 - April 4th
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Featuring...


GOOGLE EXPEDITIONS
PILOT PROGRAM

Second grade students had the opportunity to experience far away places in the form of Google Cardboard.



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Additional RESOURCES

CODING WEBSITES AND PROGRAMS:

- Kodable - block coding a little fuzz through a maze: www.kodable.com
- Bits Box - javascript coding to create "apps" on the computer: www.bitsbox.com/go
- Code.org - for all levels mixing different types of coding: www.code.org