



# TECHNOLOGY NEWS

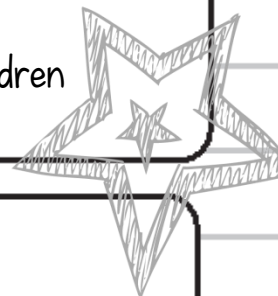
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## Updates

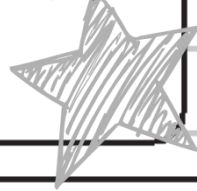


Hello again! We have been having a lot of fun in technology class and we have many exciting things we would like to share. I hope that by keeping you informed about what your children are working on, you can ask them questions about what they most enjoy. There are also a number of resources that you can use at home with your children so they can continue to practice their skills.



## Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, we will continue to talk about ways to stay safe online and how to make good choices when using a computer. We learn that we need to "Pause and Think" before we make a choice to see if that is the right choice to be making,



## First Grade

In first grade, we have been applying our keyboarding skills to publish work on the computer. We use a "Comic Creator" to tell a story. Students review story elements such as setting, characters and dialogue. Students will continue to create content using digital tools. We also continued our discussion of what it means to be a digital citizen.

## Key Words and Vocabulary

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## Second Grade

Second grade will begin using Google for Education tools to create new content. With this unit, students will learn about creating passwords, how to organize and manage their files, and ways to leave a positive digital footprint every time they use a computer. Students will use Google Drive to create, store, and share documents. Students will then move on to creating content using other platforms online like PowToon, where they can create their own videos to explain a topic.



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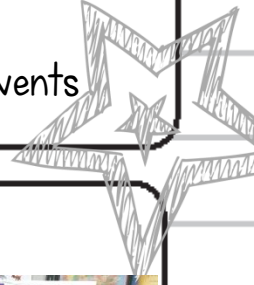
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## Things to do this summer

I believe that it is important for students to take a break from technology during the summers and to play other indoor and outdoor activities. In technology, we talk about the importance of balance when it comes to technology use. That being said, for those rainy days, trying tapping into the creative side your child's mind. Here a few ideas:

- Type a script, and perform it for family, friends, and pets
- Use an iPad or other camera to create a pretend news-cast on current events



## UPCOMING tech weeks

THE WEEKS OF:

- April 25<sup>th</sup>
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- May 30<sup>th</sup>
- June 20<sup>th</sup>



## Featuring...

### MRS TAUB'S CLASS

First and second graders in Mrs. Taub's ESL class video-chatted, via Google Hangouts, with Black River students to help them with science fair project ideas and questions.



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## Additional RESOURCES

PUBLISHING AND LITERACY WEBSITES:

- Read Write Think - student interactives to publish work: [www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org)
- PowToon - Uses similar setup to PowerPoint to make videos: [www.powtoon.com](http://www.powtoon.com)
- Read Theory - Practice reading a passage & answering questions: [www.readtheory.org](http://www.readtheory.org)