☀ Summer Computers! ☀

Welcome to Summer! There are so many fun things to do during the summer, and so many great ways to get out and play. Eventually, however, every parent hears the dreaded words: "I'm Bored!" Never Fear! I have a great suggestion to fill a few minutes a day with some technology time that is both fun, and educational. My classroom website is filled with great, educational activities. Your student is already familiar with the site because we use it every time they come to class. Make sure they spend the first few minutes (I suggest 15 minutes per day) <u>KEYBOARDING!!!</u> They can find their favorite keyboarding games under the Keyboarding Tab. After their practice, they can visit their Grade Level Activities page for more fun and educational games. Take a look! My website is:

www.blackridgecomputers.weebly.com

My goal is to have every student meet their grade level benchmark by the end of each school year. Meeting benchmark means that they type the specified words per minute (WPM) with 95% accuracy. That means in a 1 minute timing, they should only have 1-2 errors at that WPM. The benchmarks are:

Third Grade: 15 WPM --**Fourth Grade**: 20 WPM--**Fifth Grade**: 25 WPM--**Sixth Grade**: 30 WPM

There are no benchmarks for K-2nd Grades, but spending time in Dancemat Typing will help these younger students be better prepared with letter recognition, keyboard layout, and technique as they enter the upper grades.

Meeting or exceeding the specified benchmarks will help your student be more successful in school. Starting in 3rd Grade, many assignments, as well as year end testing will be done on the computer. As students prepare to move into Middle School, most papers and assignments will be required to be done on a computer. The faster and more accurate your student is able to type, the more efficient they will be in completing their assignments and functioning in this computerized world in general!

On the back side of this letter is a practice log. If your student spends time keyboarding this Summer, have them record their practice time and what they practiced. I will give credit for time spent on any of the keyboarding programs found under the Keyboarding Tab. I will have a reward (based on the number of minutes) for students who return this practice log to me in the Fall. I will also have a reward for upper grade students who meet benchmark on their first timed keyboard test. Have fantastic Summer and see you in the Fall!

Mrs Ducos

Summer Keyboarding Practice Log

Name: _____

Date	Program/Game Used	Minutes		Date	Program/Game Used	Minutes