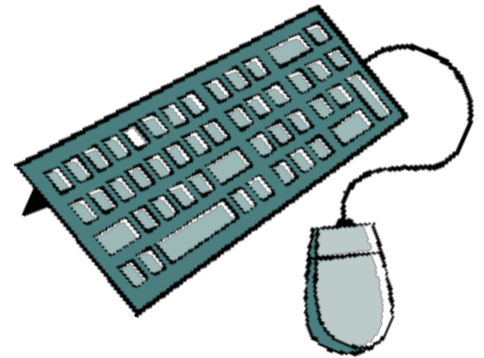


Dear Parents and Students,

At Cedar Ridge Elementary, we feel that keyboarding skills are very important. These skills prepare students for junior high and high school, as well as for working in the 21st Century. Students spend a few minutes practicing keyboarding in their computer specialty class at school, but to really become proficient typers, students are encouraged to practice their typing skills at home*. To reinforce and encourage students with this skill, we are excited to announce our first annual,

“Cedar Ridge Keyboarding Challenge”



Here is how it works:

1. By the end of each trimester, students in grades 3rd – 6th will be asked to meet a benchmark.
2. Those who reach this grade-level benchmark (see below) will be given a small prize AND a ticket.
3. This ticket will be entered into a drawing for a brand-new **Chromebook!** One Chromebook will be given away each trimester (Paid for with fundraiser funds).
4. At the end of the school year, the student with the fastest wpm in keyboarding from each grade, 3rd through 6th, will receive the “**Golden Mouse Award.**” (This is a wireless, gold-colored computer mouse).

Benchmarks for each grade level:

	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade	6 th Grade
2nd Trimester Benchmark (ending Feb. 26, 2016)	11 wpm	15 wpm	25 wpm	38 wpm
3rd Trimester Benchmark (ending May 20, 2016)	15 wpm	20 wpm	30 wpm	45 wpm

*Some possible sites to visit for extra practice at home are:

- **typing.com (used in Computer Specialty Class at Cedar Ridge)**
- **keybr.com**
- **nitrotype.com**
- **typingclub.com**
- **learntyping.org**

Good Luck and Happy Keyboarding!