



Spencer Borden
Fall River Public Schools

Specialist Newsletter
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Computer Class

Typing is a very important skill that each student must develop to support their classroom learning and assignments.

Many of our upper grade classroom teachers have begun to utilize the chromebook computers present in their classes for student assignments, and some have plans in the near future to begin using web-based quizzes for student assessment.

The ability to type with speed and accuracy allows our children to rapidly put their thoughts and words down, and will help them into high school, college, and far beyond.

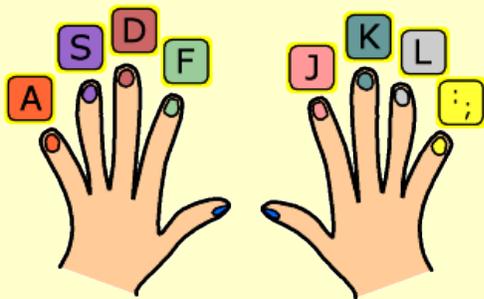


To further this ability, we use www.typing.com for our third through fifth graders; every student in these grades has been

assigned an individual username and password, and these students can access this at any time from any computer with Internet access.

We have also been working (in grades 2-5) on logging in to student Google accounts. Please have your student show you how they do this!

Have a great month! If you have any questions, please contact me at cgreen@fallriverschools.org.



Artistic Flair

Happy New Year!!

Here is the plan for this month:

K - Students will be learning about Primary Colors. They will start to experiment with mixing the Primary Colors with paint and doing some Printmaking in the style of artist Mark Rothko.

1 - Students will continue using line as the main focus of their artwork. They will be using swirls to create movement and thick and thin lines as in the style of artist Romero Britto.

2 - Students will be learning about warm and cool colors, and how they work together. Students will be using artist Wayne Thiebaud as inspiration for a gumball machine they will design and choose a color scheme for the flavors of their gumballs.

3 - Students will be learning about artist Rene Margritte and the style of surrealism. Students will be creating surrealistic art using their imagination.

4 - Students will be inspired by artist Wayne Thiebaud and his food themed artwork. Students will be drawing and creating 3D sculptures with a food theme.

5 - Students will be inspired by artist Wayne Thiebaud and his realistic food themed artwork. Students will then be creating their own sweet treat realistic drawing, and 3D sculpture.

Have a Happy January!!!!

Ms. Arruda



Important Websites

Dreambox

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/7yrf/spencerbes>

HeadSprout

<http://www.fallriverschools.org/sbheadsprout.cfm>

Prodigy

<https://www.prodigygame.com/Play/>

Typing

<https://www.typing.com/>

Spencer Borden Home Page

<http://www.fallriverschools.org/spencer.cfm>

Musical Notes:

Happy New Year from the music room! As we look back on what we accomplished in 2017 I want to recognize fourth and fifth grade students on a successful concert. The choruses and instrumentalists rose to the occasion and gave a fine account of their work.

Looking ahead we have begun a new term and students in grades three through five have their recorders and are busy working to master their grade level performance expectations. Mark your calendar for Tuesday March 13th when grade three be attending a concert by the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra at the Zieterion theater. Students in the primary grades are working on pattern recognition in rhythm melody and musical form. Keep in mind that music builds pattern recognition skills that enhance facility with division and part/whole relationships and contributes to children's ability to solve multi-step problems and visualize solutions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at vmartin@fallriverschools.org.



PE Class

This month in K-2, we will be working on Rhythmic Movement Activities to music.

Students can practice rhythmic movement at high, medium, and low levels. The students can also practice moving to music at a fast pace medium pace and slow pace.

In grades 3-5, students will be working on basketball skills. Parents can help with some basic basketball skills such as dribbling, passing and how to perform both offense and defense. On the dribbling skills they can use their hand by pushing the ball down to the floor and back up to the waist. For passing practice, they can practice chest, bounce, and overhead passing.

On Saturdays we will be having boys and girls basketball games at Morton Middle school. If you would like to come watch our teams play (and cheer them on), email us about times.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to email Mr. Comeau (dcomeau@fallriverschools.org) or Mr. Harrington (jharrington@fallriverschools.org).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding!

