



## Mrs. Kellison – Technology

### September 2019 Newsletter

**K-4 grades have computer class once a week. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades classes have class every day for nine weeks on a rotating basis. The first nine weeks 5C and 6B have technology.**

- Kindergarten: The kindergarten classes are on the website **ABC Mouse**. They are learning to use the mouse and left click by doing various games on Toddler Time. The classes are also learning to find their own names to login and earn tickets.
- First Grade: First grade classes copy a poem once a month to practice finding letters on the keyboard. They also return to **ABC Mouse** to find grade appropriate activities. **ABCya** is also a favorite that would be appropriate for home use, too.
- Second Grade: Second grade classes copy a poem once a month to practice finding letters on the keyboard and using Microsoft Word. **Hooda Math** and **ABCya** are two popular websites that we visit and home appropriate.
- Third Grade: Just like first and second grades, third grades copies an age appropriate poem to gain practice using the keyboard once a month. They are very proficient using Microsoft word and using the computer in general. They are also on many of the websites mentioned above that are grade appropriate.
- Fourth Grade: Fourth graders spend the entire school year on the software program, Mavis Beacon purchased by our school district to learn keyboarding. (We used to call it typing! ☺) Please encourage your child to use the correct fingers when using the computer at home. Please ask them what they have learned and encourage them to demonstrate it for you!
- Fifth & Sixth Grade: These two grades (5C and 6B) have technology every day for the first nine weeks. They return to Mavis Beacon one day a week to practice keyboarding. Also they read and report on current events from the website: **Dogonews.com**. Other lessons are on **Learning.com**. This site introduces lessons about internet activities and using the computer in a responsible way. It deals with cyber bullying and staying safe on the computer among many other subjects helping them to learn in a digital age. You can check both these sites out if you have access to the internet.

Some websites about staying children staying safe on the internet:

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>