

Computers

Students in grades 1-8 are currently taking STAR Reading and Math tests. They are also working on their typing skills using the program Typing Agent. Parents in grades 1-5 should expect to receive a letter from me in their students backpack this week with their student's username and password for Typing Agent home use. Students in grades 6-8 use their Google credentials to login to the website at <http://stvincents.typingagent.com>. While not required, it is highly recommended that students practice typing outside of computer class. 10-15 minutes once a week spent in class is not enough time to gain the speed and accuracy needed to be a successful typist.

Students in Kindergarten have been learning about the basic parts of a computer and working on mouse skills. Please have students practice these skills at home by using this website: <https://www.abcmouse.com/email/mouse-and-pointer>

All students will receive a lesson this month on digital citizenship/Internet safety. Be on the lookout for an email from me with a "Family Tip Sheet" on how you can be an active part in keeping your child safe online.

Students in K-5 will work on coding and computer science concepts using the website code.org

Middle school has been working on various G Suite App challenges. 6th grade is working on learning the problem solving process and how it relates to Computer Science. Using code.org's CS Discoveries program, students in 7th and 8th grade are exploring popular websites and working to understand why authors create and consumers use these websites.