

## Second Grade

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Spring - 2010

Our current focus is keyboarding. Second Graders know how to find the F and J keys with their eyes closed (hint, find the touch bumps). Using the application *Type to Learn 2* has helped everyone become more confident finding letters.

We continue to add sentences to our About Me document using Microsoft Word. This is extremely challenging and students should be very proud of their effort. On the white board at the front of the room there is a list of sentences beginning with *My name is Mrs. Susalski*. Underlined words in each statement cue students to input their own information. Each time we work on this, more sentences are added. Students work at their own pace, typing from one to four sentences in the allotted time and picking up where they left off in the previous session. Look for another print out in your folder at conference time.

Students enjoy accessing the website [Design A Panda Habitat](#) from the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Students drag and drop items into the habitat such as trees, water features, enrichment activities, climate control, food and research/observation tools. If the pandas like what they see, they come out and play. If not, they walk right off the screen.

Appleworks Paint continues to be a favorite for creative expression including December Advent Wreaths, January Snowmen, February Valentines, and St. Patrick's Day Symbols. Coming up next we will explore signs and symbols of the Risen Christ.

Happy Easter!

  
Anne Susalski

SLEs for computer class

1. a, b
2. a, b, c, d, e
3. a, b, c, d
4. b
5. b, c

## Third Grade

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Spring - 2010

Our current focus is keyboarding. Third Graders know how to find the F and J keys with their eyes closed (hint, find the touch bumps). Using the application *Type to Learn 3* has helped everyone become more confident finding letters without looking at the keyboard.

A recent risk exercise involved covering the typing fingers by tenting them with a sheet of paper taped to the top of the keyboard. Students typed home row words without looking at the keys. Examples of home row words are: glad, sad, had, flag, lash, jag, ash, dash, ask, etc.

Students enjoy accessing Webrangers from the National Park Service website. Recently students responded to the Webrangers Question of the Week, "What is your favorite season of the year and why?" You can see our posts by logging in as a visitor or by asking your student to log you into their personal Ranger Station. Third Grade user names start with sma, followed by the student's initials (first and last). We share one password which is sma2010.

Together we worked through *A Whaling Adventure* to learn about the whaling industry of the 1800s. Using the magnification icon to zoom in and out and the search bar to find information on a website were also part of this activity. Additionally, it was an effective way to teach the importance of not clicking "next" or "ok" without reading the message that pops up on your screen. Ask your student what might happen to the computer if they randomly click these responses without reading carefully first!

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4. b
5. b, c