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Technology Integration

All students come to the computer lab once a week for computer integration. Their teacher and Mrs. H collaborate on assignments.

The kindergarten students initially started computers by practicing and/or developing their mouse skills. This practice was achieved by using Blocks, Sticks, and Jacks. The students have been busy utilizing software programs, such as *Millie's Math House* and *Kidspiration*. The classes have been learning about letters, sounds, and other information at www.starfall.com and about fire safety at sparky.org/. Earlier in the year, Mrs. H created a "Who Do You See" multimedia book based on the book, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, Who Do You See?* for Mrs. P-K's and Mrs. L-K's classes.

Mrs. V-1's and Mrs. C-1's classes have used a variety of web sites to enhance the students' math skills including www.eduplace.com/kids/mw/, pbskids.org and primarygames.com. Mrs. S-1's class has utilized starfall.com and *Wiggle Works* to read books, explore vocabulary, and write stories. All of these classes are using raz-kids.org to improve their reading skills and comprehension.

Second graders utilized *Reading Counts* to quiz their comprehension of books and *Wiggle Works* to create and illustrate stories. They learned more about the Constitution and government at bensguide.gpo.gov. In addition, they used Microsoft *Word* to type fall poems and stories.

This is the fourth year that our third graders have been tasked with learning how to keyboard properly. Under DoDEA's Keyboarding Initiative, all third graders will learn how to keyboard using *Type to Learn 3*.

They will continue to get keyboarding instruction each year through sixth grade in order to improve their skills.

In addition, the third graders are currently using Microsoft *Excel* to create a timeline of their lives. Students brought in pictures that will be scanned into the computer. These pictures will be imported into their timelines. In addition, the students will have the option of creating and/or importing clip art in order to document the significant events of their lives.

The second and third grade students utilized Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) to check their current reading levels. This assessment generates a list of books based on their Lexile, or reading level.

Ashurst Home Page

Be sure to check out Ashurst's home page for up-to-date information. The URL is:

http://www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/quantico/ashurst/

The home page contains valuable information about our school as well as a link to our automated weather station. Click on the the Calendar of Events and the Parents' Page for the latest news.

