

# Newsletter

September 18th, 2015

Here is a great shot of the students with their beloved laptops! The students go straight to art from language class on A Days.



With a chill in the air, the Lower School's Lost and Found is starting to collect items! Students and parents are encouraged to stop by the Lower School's Lost and Found closet in the Lower School Office to search for any missing items. By writing student's first and last name clearly on all items, you will help ensure that your children's belongings will make it back to them.

**FYI...** More new PE Dri-FIT youth small and youth medium T-shirts arrived. The Campus Shop is ready for shoppers!

## Updates, Reminders, & FYIs

### This Week

✓Monday through Friday is B through F Days.

### FYIs... 👁️

Download Type to Learn 4 Mac Users - Full TTL4 v1.2.1 Application - MAC (944.65MB)  
<https://sunburstdigital.app.box.com/TTL4-MAC-Install>

Windows Users - Full TTL4 v1.2.1 Application - Windows (1.01GB)  
<https://sunburstdigital.app.box.com/TTL4-MAC-Install>

After you have downloaded and installed the Type To Learn 4 program, students should login using their assigned username, password, and account code.

Please visit the Scrapbook on our class website for some great pictures throughout the year!



# Here's What We Are Studying

## Math

Unit 2 lessons will be completed on Tuesday. We will review on Wednesday. The assessment will be given on Thursday and Friday.

Students need to be able to:

- \*Add and subtract 3 and 4 digit numbers
- Subtracting numbers with zero/zeroes in the minuend (the top number) seems to be the biggest challenge.
- \*Know how to find the maximum, minimum, range, mode, and median for a given set of data
- \*Explain how to find the mode, median, and range for a set of data
- \*Trace specific polygons and other geometric shapes.
- \*Read/write large numbers
- \*Measure to the nearest  $\frac{1}{2}$  centimeter

## Writer's Workshop

### Focus: Personal Narrative

(Small Moment Writing)

Last week the goal was to interview a grandparent, complete the prewriting, and box out the prewriting into paragraphs. Many students started drafting their piece last Thursday.

This week should be focused on drafting, revising, and editing based on our workshop lessons. Writers should also read the piece to their grandparents to get some help filling in any gaps, clarifying any events, and adding important details to further develop, stretch, and enhance the story. The due date is September 30th.

**Word Study** - The Learned Word Inventory for Grade 2 was given on Wednesday. Learned words are words that don't follow a rule and must be memorized. We want to make sure that our students are spelling at grade level.

Sort 3 will be introduced this week.

**Weekly Writing** - Writers should be totally focused on their grandparents' small moments. Let's make sure the laptops are used for completing these stories and/or Type to Learn lessons.

## Reader's Workshop

Readers are very excited about their new book clubs. After meeting on Friday, they determined their next reading and writing goals for Wednesday.

Lessons last week included tracking key events as a story unfolds to see how they signaled and/or supported the ending the of the story. Fleshing out key events also helps readers to learn how to retell stories by sharing only the most important happenings and insights.

## Social Studies

I am very proud of the class. Their performance on the first test was very good. Learning how to study and strengthen test-taking skills is the goal.

We thoroughly reviewed the answers to the test and discussed the importance of answering all of the parts of the question, writing all that you know, and using specific content related work choice.

**Efficiently recording Planner entires, completing homework, and acting responsibly are the keys for being able to take home laptops on Monday. Those students who are meeting these goals will get to take home their laptops.**