



Wow! Only a couple more computer classes until the end of the school year. Here's how the year is ending:

PK: The 4 year olds have made so much progress using a mouse and navigating a PC! Many of them are able to find activities on websites by themselves and solve problems such as headphone volume.

K: Kindergartners have been creating pictures using the shape tools in the paint program. This skill will be useful for a project done in first grade. Their printed pictures will be sent home soon.

1st: The first grade students have completed a "journal" of their favorite things which was sent home. They also got their first taste of block coding using one of the courses on code.org.

2nd: The students completed their rain forest animal projects with the recording of their presentations to an "audience". These were uploaded to the second grade class dojo. They did a great job!

3rd: Third graders have been hard at work learning block coding on code.org. They have solved mazes, created music and artwork with Star Wars, Minecraft and Ice Age themes.

4th: All the students have completed the keyboarding course! They are currently working to increase their W.P.M. scores. Many of them are typing over 15 W.P.M.

5th: After learning the ins and outs of Google Docs, the 5th grade have been working on block coding on code.org. This is not new to them because they have been exposed to coding in earlier grades but this course requires more problem solving skills and creativity to create games and artwork.

6th: Sixth grade students are also working on code.org. They are learning how to create a very simple working app with at least 6 different screens. Some of their apps are well designed.

7th: Animations and gaming is the course on which seventh grade is working. The ultimate goal of the course is to create a simple game. They did not get as far into the course as hoped but maybe the course will be continued next year.

8th: As their final trimester at St. Sym's comes to a close, the students are learning about Large Language Models or Chatbots. They were able to explore how these work and don't work and create some on their own.



Have an enjoyable summer!

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