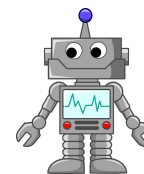


April 16, 2020



PCK Students and Parents,

The Technology Department has updated assignments and resources on our website, tech.ckcs.net.

New this week: We're excited to introduce Code Breaks produced by Code.org. "Tune in with students across the globe to join founder Hadi Partovi, special guests, and Code.org's best teachers to learn different computer science concepts in a live interactive classroom." Check out this link, [Code Break](#), to hear what it's all about.

These are the links for each of the first four Code Breaks that include activities for ages 6+.

[Code Break 1.0: Algorithms with Hill Harper](#)

[Code Break 2.0: Prototypes with Lyndsey Scott and Mark Cuban](#)

[Code Break 3.0: Encryption with Mia Gil Epner and Ashton Kutcher](#)

[Code Break 4.0: Digital Information with Mike Krieger and Alice Keeler](#)

Remember that [TypingClub](#) is now free, so please encourage 1st-5th grade students to continue working on their keyboarding skills at home. They just need to log in with their school Google credentials to get started. Here's a guide for recommended typing speed by grade.

| KEYBOARDING EXPECTATIONS GRADES K-5 | |
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| Grade | END of Year Goal |
| K | Find any letter or number key on the keyboard |
| 1 | Find any key on the keyboard and know which hand to use for each half of the keyboard |
| 2 | 5 WPM using correct hand |
| 3 | 10 WPM correct finger placement for home row 85% accuracy |
| 4 | 15 WPM with correct finger for each key 85% accuracy |
| 5 | 20 WPM without looking at the keyboard 90% accuracy |

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*The average adult types ultimate goal heading off

40wpm, so that's their to high school.

For our 6th-8th Graders: Please have students prioritize their Core classwork and then complete Tech assignments posted in Google Classroom.

- ★ Sixth Graders have coding lessons due each week on [Tynker.com](https://www.tynker.com).
- ★ Seventh and Eighth Graders have begun working on their Google Earth tours. It is a collaborative project between the Tech and Spanish Departments due April 24. Their Google Classroom contains a tutorial, example, checklist, and instructions for turning in the assignment.

Students are welcome to contact us any time via Gmail, Google Hangouts, or Google Meet to ask questions and get assistance. We love hearing from them!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Henderson & Mrs. White