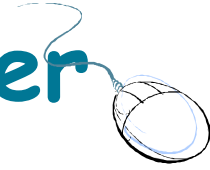


CompuChild Chatter



It's time to celebrate our students' achievements! They continue to learn new skills, practice ones they've already learned, and work toward mastery.

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- ◆ Children who started lessons this school year have been working very hard, and soon will be ready to start exploring MS Word!
- ◆ Our intermediate students have been working on MS Word skills, and have started learning PowerPoint!
- ◆ Some of our most advanced students, who attend different schools, have been working on their 3rd PowerPoint presentations! They made slideshows about bridges this spring. Each slideshow contains text and pictures. We encourage our students to type their own titles and sub-titles, but the bullets take a lot longer, so often the teacher types word-for-word what the students say. This particular slideshow *also* contains a simple Excel graph that allows the students to compare the length and height of the bridges. Not one of these children is yet in the 1st grade! I am so proud of their accomplishments.
- ◆ This year, we taught school-age students for the first time. Because their reading skills were more advanced, they were able to learn more, and learn more quickly. They did a great job and learned many things they were able to apply to their spring science fair projects and other assignments.

Our students are fantastic and we are so proud of them!!!

Summer Fun

It's a good thing that summer days seem to last so much longer, since there's so much to do! We want our children to be physically active, but we also want them engaged intellectually. Did you know that studies show that school-age children tend to lose at least a month's worth of learning over the summer? Younger children attending year-round child care and learning centers practice their academic skills as part of their circle time, constructive play, and planned activities.

So what can we do to keep their brains engaged along with their muscles? Here are some ideas for children at different skill levels—maybe some of these ideas will resonate with your family:

- ☞ For children who are learning their letters, save the planet with Tux Typing, an open source and completely free program. Children who are ready to start learning to type properly can use it also—there are numerous skill levels. It's a great game to play on rainy days, or after a long day at the beach. You can get it here: <http://tuxtype.sourceforge.net/>.
- ☞ Children can keep a journal of their summer adventures. They can type up (or ask a parent to type up) the stories they want to tell about the cool things they've learned. Even a one-paragraph story is great practice. If you have digital photos of these adventures, they can be inserted to illustrate the stories. When their teacher asks "What did you do during summer vacation?" they'll have a lot to show! You can pull out this fabulous journal at Thanksgiving or the winter holidays to share with family—they'll be amazed!
- ☞ You can visit some of the websites in this or past newsletters together.

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Where can we go today? Check these out!

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- ☞ There are a wide assortment of games on this site for children age 4 and up: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/>, BUT you'll notice that it's a site in the United Kingdom, so be prepared for the British accent!
- ☞ Parents—for solid safety information, check out <http://wiredsafety.org/>