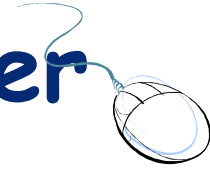


CompuChild Chatter



Big News! We are so excited to bring you two great announcements!!!

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CompuChild[®]
Technology Education

In response to parent requests, we've started classes for children in elementary grades. These lessons will be offered in a series of 6-week units, and each unit will cover different skills that children can use to excel in school. Some subject areas include learning about page set-up, margins, page numbers, creating and using tables, cool tricks to have the best PowerPoint show in class, and so much more!

Please call 401.935.1802 or email me (robin@compuchild-ri.com) any time. Visit online at www.compuchild-ri.com.

We are so excited about our exclusive partnership with [Kidzui](#). Kidzui is a web browser, search engine and social network just for kids!!!! Kidzui's been profiled on [NBC's Today Show](#), the [Wall Street Journal](#), [CNET.com](#), or [other places](#). At CompuChild, we are thrilled to be able to offer parents a safe surfing environment for their children, free of the concerns we feel when our children are exploring the web at large. ***AND there's more!*** We're thrilled to be able to offer parents an exclusive deal—buy 3 months, and get 3 months free! CompuChild participation is not required to get this deal, so feel free to share it with others. To learn more, and to sign up for either the free or paid membership, [just go to www.surfkidzui.com](http://www.surfkidzui.com) to get a special offer from [CompuChild](#), and get some peace of mind for *you!*

New Classes!

In response to numerous parent requests, we've started classes for school-agers!

- Small group instruction (4 students max)
- Hour long lessons
- Internet safety included
- Microsoft[®] Office/OpenOffice skills
- Lessons taught in 6-week sessions cover, each unit covers different skills & topics

Currently offered Monday afternoons at 3:30 and 4:30 pm at the VFW, Post 4487, Middletown, RI (just behind the Coddington Brewery Restaurant. Seats are limited, so sign up now!

Our kindergartners are starting PowerPoint in April!!!!

Standards-Based Technology Education

As many of our parents are aware, our CompuChild curriculum is designed to address the National Educational Technology Standards for Students defined by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). These standards were originally defined in 1998, and then updated in 2007, and [you can read more about them here](#). While these standards are widely quoted in local technology education policies all over the country, the technology education standards defined at the state level vary greatly. Here in RI, there is no requirement for schools to implement technology education standards until middle school, and as a result, not all elementary schools and early learning programs have the budget or the personnel to include technology education in the classroom even when there is some expectation that children will use technology skills to accomplish their assignments. If your child isn't in CompuChild class, it may be up to you to help your child explore the computer as a tool, and to master basic skills. Feel free to use the old newsletters on our site to help you.

Watch for one-day camps especially geared to school-age students to be offered during April vacation!



Where can we go today? Check these out!

In the current economy, we all want our kids to develop grounded skills with money. Here are a couple of places you might want to go:

- From PBS: [It's My Life](#)
- From Scholastic (yes, the book folks)
- [Kid's Money](#)