Computer/World Languages News

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Dear Parents,

All students in Grades K-4 will come to the computer lab one day each week for a 40 minute Computer class period and another day each week for a 40 minute Spanish class period. Computer classes will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Spanish classes will be held on Wednesdays for the all K-4 classes.

All students in Grade 5 will come to the computer lab four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) for a six week rotation. Room 5B will be attending computer class during the first 6 week rotation while Room 5A will not be attending computer class until the fifth 6 week rotation. Students in 5A will attend Spanish class on Tuesdays and students in 5B will attend Spanish classes on Thursdays. These classes will meet each week all through the year rather than on a 6 week rotation.

Computer Curriculum Standards--Our computer curriculum will be centered on the 2007 NETS (National Educational Technology Standards) created by ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education). They are as follows:

1. Creativity and Innovation
2. Communication and Collaboration
3. Research and Information Fluency
4. Critical Thinking, Problem-Solving & Decision-Making
5. Digital Citizenship
6. Technology Operations and Concepts

In Grades K and 1 we will concentrate on mouse movement, becoming more familiar and comfortable with using computers, and using educational software. Students in these grades will complete some basic activities using Microsoft Office software. In Grades 2-5 we will work with Microsoft Office software to complete grade level appropriate projects. Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will also begin working on keyboarding skills as well as becoming proficient in the use of Google Tools for Education.

Grading--Students in Grades 1-4 will be graded based on their ability to follow directions, complete basic tasks and projects, participate and cooperate in class. Grades for students in K-1 will follow the scale used on the Jupiter report card. Students in Grade 2 will receive percentage grades according to the Jupiter grading scale. Students in Grades 3-4 will receive percentage grades. Their grades will be reported through the Web Classroom website.

Students in Grade 5 will earn their grades based on completion of projects according to pre-assigned guidelines and/or requirements. Effort and creativity will be key components of each project as well. Their grades will be percentage grades, reported through the Web Classroom website.

Spanish Curriculum

Students in Grades K-1 will begin the year with activities to introduce them to, or review, basic Spanish vocabulary. K-5 classes will establish an in-class routine involving a short student-led (teacher helping) news broadcast, memorizing basic prayers in Spanish, then doing vocabulary games.

Students in Grades 2-5 will have a student-led news broadcast, mastering longer prayers like the Our Father, and introducing basic grammar lessons with relevant vocabulary.   We'll also spend some time exploring Latin American culture and traditions. Integrating conversational opportunities will be an integral part of the Spanish curriculum at all grade levels.

Grading--Students in Grades K-1 will be graded based on their participation and cooperation in class. Grades for students in K-1 will follow the scale used on the Jupiter report card. Students in Grades 2-5 will receive percentage grades, according to the Web Classroom scale. Their grades will be based on class participation and completion of in-class activities, as well as small vocabulary quizzes. Vocabulary quizzes may be individual or group quizzes.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments and/or concerns you may have. I can be reached via email: kwagner@cks-indy.org

Or via phone at: 715-4754 (Computer Lab)

Thank you in advance for your continued support and assistance.

Sincerely,

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