



Technology Newsletter Nettle Creek School



The Nettle Creek technology classes focus on four basic strategies to make students technology literate.

- Vocabulary
- Keyboarding
- Digital Citizenship
- Research

Students continue to use Google docs to organize and present their work in class. New vocabulary words are regularly added to a master list that each student keeps in a Google word processing document.

The focus for the past month has been on keyboarding and a spreadsheet project, with different programs utilized depending on the grade level.

Grades K-1-2 use a combination of the apps Keyboarding Without Tears, Alphabet Bubble, Keyboard Zoo, Alphabet Order, and others to nurture proper motor and technique skills

The older students use typing.com and the sweet of programs included in that site. Eighth graders are working diligently to achieve speed and accuracy goals that will allow them to proficiency out of taking keyboarding in high school.

The spreadsheet project involves researching and gathering numerical data that represents some topic the students want to explore. They take notes in Google Docs, transfer that data to Google Sheets, and then use the data to create graphs in order to visually represent data. Once the basic graphs are completed, the students experiment with different styles

of graphs to see which format best communicates what they are trying to get across to the viewer.

Digital citizenship, as always, remains a regular focus of class. The virtual world has protocols of proper behavior, just as home and the classroom do. Navigating technology use requires that the students learn proper behavior for the virtual world.