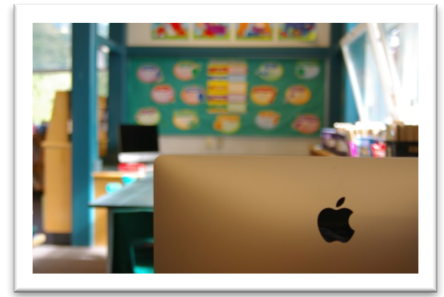


Getting Ready for Upper Elementary

As you know, all upper elementary students are expected to bring their own laptop to school on a daily basis.

In order to make the first few weeks in September run as smoothly as possible for your child, we wanted to ask for your help. We have noticed if a student comes prepared with a few skills and tools, the transition to intermediate is significantly smoother. Some ways to help your child be prepared are:



Computer needs:

- Do allow for easy internet access. Please don't set security too high!
- Do be mindful of too many passwords. If all controls are password controlled, and your child does not know the passwords, it is impossible for us to help problem solve issues
- We have been successfully using Google Classroom on Chrome – please make sure they have chrome as an internet browser. We use Google Docs, Slides, etc., (you may still use Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, but it is not necessary to purchase it)
- Do have a working printer at home
- Do get a memory stick with at least 4 gigs; clearly label it and put in on a lanyard
- Develop the habit of charging the computer each night, to be prepared for the school day
- Clearly label computer, charger and all accessories**

Skills needed:

- Turning computer on and off
- Knowing how to charge the computer
- Being able to save files on their hard drive (documents folders or desktop)
- Being able to save files onto a memory stick
- Knowing how to print at home
- Knowing how to create folders

What to practice over the summer:

- Navigating and becoming familiar with their computer
- Keyboarding skills. A good free program can be found at:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

Laptop Specifications

- Wireless connection: Must be g capable; recommend g and n capable
- Processor- 1.6 GHz minimum
- RAM – 2 GB minimum; 4GB recommended
- Battery- 3 or 6 cell minimum; 9 cell recommended
- Operating system- Windows 7 (PC), Windows 8 (PC); OS X Lion
- Hard Drive: 250 Gb minimum

Staples Partnership: Staples is aware of the needs around student devices at Eagle Harbour and will be able to help you with your purchasing needs.