



Creative Ideas & Activities for Integrating Keyboarding Skills

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With the growing use of technology in both our schools and homes, many teachers and families are looking for ways to integrate keyboarding skills within functional activities. Along with the correct posture and finger placement, learning to use the computer within our everyday activities will help foster a life-long, valuable skill for our children to use in school and at home. Here are some ideas for educators and families to try when addressing keyboarding with children:

- Type letters to family members or friends. Arrange for your child to have a pen pal.
- Create digital shopping lists.
- Keep a journal with events of their days, vacation or special events. Be creative...give them journal prompts or story starters.
- Send emails to friends and family members.
- Have your child type their spelling words (remember to shut off the spell checker).
- Type sentences using their vocabulary words.
- Type sentences using high-frequency reading words.
- Compose a business letter or resume.
- Create a comic strip. Use clip art or real photographs to assist with creativity.
- Create PowerPoint presentations of their favorite animal, vacation spot, game...
- Type "thank you" letters or create cards to celebrate a special event or accomplishment.
- Create a newspaper article.
- Comment on discussion boards and blogs.
- Research a topic on the internet.

There are many ways to integrate keyboarding and computer skills into your child's day. Remembering to make it fun and functional will help to increase their motivation and participation.

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