

The sun is shining, the weather is warm, and summer is right around the corner! It's time for two months of playing outside, swimming in the pool, and finding new adventures both in Westborough and all around the world.

If you're looking for ways to incorporate fun technology activities or help your child keep up to date with his/her skills, look no further! I've put together a fun list of suggestions for technology practice, applicable for all skill levels and grades. So if it's a rainy day or your child is looking for some screen time, try pointing them in the direction of one of these activities.

### **Keyboarding Practice**

The students, especially the 4th graders, have grown exponentially in their keyboarding skills, both on real keyboards and touchscreens. [Typing.com](http://Typing.com) is an excellent free resource to practice typing with games, lessons, and tests. And don't forget, make sure your child uses both hands to type!

### **Google Drive**

Two months is a long time to go without logging into Google. Encourage your child to log into [Google Drive](https://www.google.com) throughout the vacation. Google is a fantastic place to build projects and create a record of all the fun things they're doing this summer. Suggest keeping a summer diary on Google Docs or building a Google Slide Presentation about one of a summer adventure.

### **Coding**

Tynker is having a summer [Code-A-Thon](https://www.tynker.com)! Take advantage of this free coding program where your child will create fun, unique programs and games with the opportunity for prizes. Sign ups are now open to the public. Your child might also enjoy building games and animations on [Scratch](https://www.scratch.mit.edu), another educational coding site.

I can't wait to see your child's amazing projects and be dazzled by their growing skills! Happy Summer Vacation!

~ Ms. DeFiore