

TECH TALK

NOTES: Thanks for bearing with me as I am learning how to do...EVERYTHING! I appreciate all of the kind words of encouragement and support. We are almost set with email groups, website updates, and computer fixes. I am still waiting for word on printer setup. If you need assistance during the day, please email me. It is the quickest way for me to help you since I am teaching classes all day. I know this is A LOT of information all at one time, please let me know how I can help you and your students this year and I will do my best. Thanks! **TLB**

LEARN: We've been learning about internet safety in the computer lab. Homeroom grade level chairs have a folder in his/her mailbox with additional lesson materials and/or handouts that go along with what we have covered in the lab. There are worksheets that can be used as an extension in class; K-4 teachers have lessons with standards listed. As of this Tuesday, all students will have viewed the Pause and Think Online video from Common Sense Media. There is a flyer in all grade level folders with the link as well as a QR code that you can scan with your iPad. All of the kids have enjoyed singing along with the video!

PLAN: Some grade levels have already contacted me about working on specific sites, programs, etc. If your grade level has something that you are working on and would like support in the lab, please let me know. The following is planned for the next week:

- K-Logging on and off, navigating to the [Briarcliff Wiki](#), and accessing "just right" sites
- 1st-Navigating to the Briarcliff Wiki and keyboarding (letter recognition on the keyboard) using [Find the Letter](#)
- 2nd- Navigating to the Briarcliff Wiki and keyboarding (letter recognition on the keyboard) using [Dance Mat Typing](#)
- 3rd- Navigating to the Briarcliff Wiki and keyboarding using [Dance Mat Typing](#)
- 4th-Logging into [Edmodo](#) and completing an assignment
- 5th-Creating a SMART notebook interactive file

All grade levels are working on building their computer lab and technology vocabulary. If you would like a list of words to add to your word wall, let me know.

NEW! New apps on your iPad: Remind 101, Voice Thread, Power Teacher, and QR code scanner and maker. Access these apps by going to the App Store and choosing purchased. You should be able to see all the apps that are currently downloaded for use at Briarcliff. Tap the cloud button next to the apps you want and the apps that you choose should begin to download.

FUN: bitly: Shortens long links for parents, students, etc. for publications. You can also make bundles of links to share with your grade level. <https://bitly.com/>

tackk: Create online posters for FREE without creating an account. Easy to use, similar to Glogster. <http://tackk.com/>

educlipper: Think Pinterest, but for Educators. <https://www.educlipper.net/>

UPDATE:

- We are waiting on additional information about how to best setup our iPads and push out the updates you need. Thanks for your patience.
- On Friday, I will compile all of the data from the Tech PD survey and set a schedule. Please fill out the survey so you can have the PD that will best help you. The survey can be accessed using this link: <http://bit.ly/19Q9ceB> I will send out a schedule with dates and times when results are in.
- All computers should have been updated with Google Chrome. Please login to your computers at some point and check to see that the Google Chrome icon is on the desktop.
- When shutting down your computers, please run any updates that appear by choosing "Run Updates and Shutdown." If this is on your laptop, please leave it plugged in while it updates.
- Please check your filters on your projectors. For most of you, this is located under the projection lens. The filter slides out and you can use canned air or a small brush to carefully clean out all of the dust. We have ordered some canned air (it's not here yet), you can check in the lab later this week if you need some.