## Announcing....



## Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mill Hill is implementing a new cloud-based keyboarding program. This program was adopted by the middle schools for their 6<sup>th</sup> grade Computer Class this year and the district has chosen to purchase it for all the elementary schools as well, based upon feedback from the pilot school North Stratfield.

Because the application is accessed online, all students can log in from home (or anywhere with internet connection) as well as school. This will allow students some much needed practice time that will "count" toward moving forward in the program.

All 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have accounts and will be set up during their scheduled Tech Time. But feel free to log in anytime. The crucial element in practicing at home is the need for correct finger placement. We work hard on that in school and would like those practices to be continued at home. In elementary school, <u>correct finger placement and accuracy is much, much more important than speed</u>.

All student usernames are the same usernames students use to log into the computers at school. Students should know these. (For most it is first initial then last name – some have a number after their last name)

The password for everyone on TypingPal is *hawks* – all lowercase.

Each classroom teacher has a list of usernames if you are having trouble. We also have one in the LLC (Library Learning Commons)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

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