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Tech Talk

Brandon Academy Technology Newsletter

October Focus

JK-K

Week 1

- Meet and greet with new teacher and lab expectations
- How Technology can enhance our ABCs with AR Flashcards

Week 2

 How Technology can enhance our fitness with GoNoodle

Week 3 and 4

 How Technology can enhance our Reading Skills with StarFall



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Grades 1-2

Week 1

- Meet and greet with new teacher and lab expectations
- How Technology can enhance our Reading Skills with Myon.com

Week 2

 Continuation of Myon.com

Week 3

Continuation of Myon.com

Week 4

 How Technology can enhance our Math Skills with various Apps: Mystery Math Town, Sushi Monster, Zeus vs Monsters

Grades 3-5

Week 1

- Meet and greet with
 new teacher and lab
 expectations
- How Technology can enhance our typing proficiency

Week 2

Continuation of Typing

Week 3

 What can Google Drive do for you? Review login and share capability

Week 4

 Google Drive: Docs, and Sheets, and Slides oh my!

T.V. Production Elective

Week 1

- Assess middle school group's strengths and familiarity of video production
- Collaborate with group about course expectations and procedures
- Inventory production equipment

Week 2

• The Art of the Interview

Week 3

Recording and storing footage

Week 4

Editing footage



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Message from new Tech Teacher

I would like to thank the Rudolph family and Principals Cliggitt and Galzerano for the opportunity of a lifetime to teach at the same school where my own kids have blossomed. I am fortunate to know many of the BA students through JV soccer, volleyball, singers or as classmates to my three scorpions.

I look forward to passing on some knowledge I've acquired since graduating from USF and their innovative iTEACH program coupled with classroom experience both in a private and charter school environment. But more importantly, I look forward to learning more about what engages your child(ren) in their pursuit of learning.



Recommended Free App





BrainPOP Featured Movie

BrainPOP Jr. Movie of the ...

Although the full version is \$115/year for each App; BrainPop and BrainPopJr, have a free app (both for Apple and Android) that shares a few of their traditional 2-6 minute clips on a variety of subjects. My kids enjoy the cartoon lessons by Tim and Moby and Moby and Annie.

Recommended Free PC Website



The non-advertisement version of ABCYA.com runs \$7.99/month. But the free version albeit with ads is tolerable. There is a variety of games such as Keyboard Zoo (never too early to expose the youngest ones to letter recognition and keyboard placement) to introductory coding in Lightbot. Please note: many of these games require Flash or Shockwave player and thus will not work on iPads, iPhones and many Android products.