



Lincoln Learns the Core...

Typing is Key!

As we make the educational shift to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the Smarter Balance assessment, one important detail has come to light particularly in regards to how the new standardized assessment is administered. The new testing system requires that all students (in grades 3 – 5) take the test electronically; meaning they must take the test by computer. During a pilot run of the new assessment in the spring of 2013, one of the biggest challenges that students faced when they took the practice test was lack of typing skills. I share this with you because as we move towards full implementation of the CCSS, it will be critical for our children to be able to effectively use the computer and navigate through various types of software. We will be addressing these skills at school, however as is the case with learning, you can also assist your child at home with becoming more computer savvy. Below are some websites that you can access to support your child's effort at home with learning to improve their typing/computer skills...trust me...building these skills now will serve your child well throughout their educational careers.

<http://www.typingweb.com/tutor/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing>

<http://typingclub.com>

<http://scootpad.com/index>