

From the Launchpad



This Month on Planet Lernalot . . .

In November, we will be focusing on **keyboarding** as well as **multimedia**.

Our monthly project for November will be to design a Flip Book slide show. **NOTE:** It will be DUE on Weds Nov. 30th. The monthly project is detailed on the back of this newsletter.

This past month, we learned about **internet safety** with activities emphasizing discussion including a Police Notebook and FBI webquest, as well as visiting NetSmartz-Kids. Quizzes on internet

safety (oral—PK/2nd) were this week.

A big thank you to families sending in classroom requests (see below)!

In lab, we will be working with **StarOffice**, office software by Sun Microsystems similar to Microsoft. The **FREE** version of the program is **Open Office** at www.openoffice.org. It includes a word processor, spreadsheet, database, and presentation software and is compatible with most other software packages. If you

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Blinky. Lightin' the way to Christ!

don't have office software at home, be sure to take a look!

Blast Off!

Classroom Requests and Fundraisers by Mrs. Laverdiere

Please participate in a fundraiser to **recycle printer cartridges/old cell phones**—our classroom will receive \$ towards future ink and lab purchases by recycling! Funding Factory, www.fundingfactory.com, has a list of qualifying items they accept. A collection box will be placed in the front lobby outside the office. Also, watch for the upcoming **Scholastic Click Interactive Learning Club**, which will allow us to earn software for our computer lab!

I have found that our lab is in need of some basic **classroom supplies** (especially with over a hundred pairs of hands in the room!). It would be greatly appreciated if you are able to donate items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

- PreK/K—Antibacterial Wipes
- 1st—Purell (pump, if available)
- 2nd—Baby wipes
- 3rd—Kleenex
- 4th—Ziplock sandwich bags
- 5th—Ream Printer Paper (1 solid color)
- 6/7/8—Ream Printer Paper (white)

Thank you so much!



Eyeball, here! I've got my "eye" on Jesus!

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Monthly Project Homework

Each month, students' monthly project will be posted at our **classroom website**, www.rocketlaunchers.org, should you misplace your monthly newsletter. A detailed rubric on how the project will be graded will be available as well.

Website Update

Many links to the activities (especially keyboarding) we've been doing in class are now available on the classroom website. Click on **LAUNCHPAD** once you're there. There are links to FREE Shockwave/Flash, and you may need to install the current version to play some games. Keyboarding (Launchpad, Typing Skills) is an **essential** skill that only improves with steady practice, much like a musical instrument. If you are able, have your child practice several times a week.

MONTHLY PROJECT: 20 Points

Our monthly project for November for grades K-8 will be to design a slide show. A slide show is several slides organized in a sequence. The slide show can depict an animation, or a sequence of events.

1. Create a flip book slide show. A worksheet master will come home for the monthly project. If students prefer, they may create in Paint/Powerpoint.
2. Pictures should be neatly drawn or created using clipart or photos (on disk, or cut/paste).
3. Flip book should consist of 6 drawing frames.
4. Creation **MUST** have student's name/grade level. Diskettes (if applicable) **MUST** be labeled with students name/grade.
5. PLEASE NOTE: Students will be graded on originality and effort, as well as following the directions of this 5-step rubric. *Parents may offer guidance, but work should be completed by the student.*

Due Date: Wednesday 11/30. Late projects other than excused absences lose 1 point per day. Projects not turned in by 12/14 receive a zero. Monthly projects are a significant component of student's quarterly grade.

Please discuss with your child that homework helps to establish responsibility and organizational skills.

Be creative and have fun!

Mrs. Laverdiere, Captain
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Questions? Please feel free to email me at teach@rocketlaunchers.org

Visit www.rocketlaunchers.org, our classroom website, for the **monthly project**, **student work**, learning tools, games, and much more!

FLIP BOOK SLIDE SHOW ANIMATION. Draw frame by frame picture scenes. Cut out boxes. Assemble in order. Staple, glue, or string together to form a Flip Book. Put your name/grade level on the back! Due Weds 11/30 to Mrs. Laverdiere, Planet Lernalot Computer Lab.

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