

Keys, Pens, and Brushes

Proposed 6th Grade Exploratory
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1 Semester Exploratory for 6th Grade

- **5 weeks of Keyboarding using Type to Learn Software**
- **5 weeks of Cursive Writing**
- **5 weeks of Calligraphy**
- **5 weeks of Ancient Written World Languages**



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- **Goals:** To build confidence in communication skills and support Core classes
 - Students log in daily to learn how to keyboard with accuracy and speed
 - Students work at the own pace on assigned laptops
 - Periodic assessments built in
 - Having fun “Beat the Teacher” and other speed and accuracy friendly competitions

P e n s : Cursive Writing

- **Goals:** To build confidence in reading and writing communication skills and support Core classes
- Students learn how to write in and read cursive.
- Students will be exposed to historical documents written in cursive.
- Periodic assessments built in, including writing a letter to an older family member who communicates in cursive writing.

P e n s : Calligraphy

- **Goal:** Students will learn how to write in an historic, artistic fashion with special calligrapher tools (pens).
- Students will be exposed to historical documents written in calligraphy.
- Students will create signs, cards and award certificates using calligraphy.

Brushes

- **Goals:** To support Core classes in a fun way by examining written world languages and to enjoy the artistic beauty of Egyptian Hieroglyphics, Cuneiform and Chinese calligraphy.
- Students learn how to write letters and symbols in these languages and develop a deeper appreciation for world cultures.
- Students will be exposed to historical documents written in these languages.
- Fun using calligraphy brushes, ink, rice paper, papyrus

Conclusions

- **At the end of the semester students will have a binder full of their work and accomplishments.**
- **Students will build confidence communicating on paper and on the computer**
- **Most lessons are student centered and individually paced.**
- **Writing and reading NYS standards across the curriculum are addressed in this exploratory**