

6-7 Typing: Typing Pal

6th and 7th graders will begin typing curriculum this week. St. Mark's utilizes a program called Typing Pal. You can find this website at www.typingpal.com. The school code is **SMCDSMCS**. All students will need a username and password. The username is the same username used to log into the St. Mark's network. The password is **1234567**. The password can be changed to something more unique if wanted.

Throughout the remainder of the year, students will master touch operation on a computer keyboard. Correct fingering by touch and good techniques will receive primary emphasis; speed and accuracy will be given secondary emphasis. The fourth row numbers and symbols and 10-key pad will also be taught. The student will use basic word processing functions on a variety of document types.

Typing Homework: Students will be expected to log a minimum of 30 minutes of typing homework per week. This log of time will correspond to a grade in STEAM. If a student fails to complete the weekly typing homework, it will result in a 0/30 for the week. I encourage students to type longer than the 30 minutes per week, but there will be no extra credit offered for this time. The benefit of typing longer is that you become faster and much more accurate.

In high school, the typing speed and rate expected upon entrance is 35 words per minute with 98% accuracy. Once a student has been typing at this rate for a period of one month, the typing homework will be waved. Check the "Review" tab to see all logged data and to track time, speed and accuracy.