

Parent Guide to the "

# Using Technology for Writing

## Today's Standard

4.W.6 - With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting.

## Real-World Applications for this Standard

Creating a class blog where students publish their stories.; Collaborating on a group project using Google Docs.; Typing a report on a favorite book and sharing it with classmates.; Participating in an online writing workshop.; Using a word processor to write and edit a personal narrative.

#### Today | Learned

Today, I learned how to use a computer to write and share my stories with others. I also practiced typing a whole page in one sitting!

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids think that using a computer for writing is only about typing. They might also think they don't need to plan their writing. But it's important to use all the tools on the computer and to plan what to write first.

#### Quiz Me

- What can you use a computer for when writing?
- Why is it important to type well?
- How can you share your writing with others using a computer?
- What should you do before you start typing your story?
- Can you name a tool on the computer that helps you check your spelling?

#### Help Me

Using a computer to write helps you share your stories with friends and teachers. You can use special tools to make your writing better, like checking for spelling mistakes. Remember to plan your story before you start typing.