

There are LOTS of opportunities to continue your learning this summer if you have technology available!

GOOGLE ACCOUNTS - write papers, make slideshows, Google drawings. . .

**ALL** Knox County students have access to their Google Accounts by going to [accounts.google.com](https://accounts.google.com). Their username is their s-number (s followed by their student number) [@student.knoxschools.org](mailto:@student.knoxschools.org). THIS IS A CONTROLLED ACCOUNT. Because it is under the KCS umbrella, access to e-mail, chat, and other features has been disabled. You can be assured that it is a safe place for your child to work and share with other Knox County students.

EAST KNOX ELEMENTARY HOMEPAGE - I encourage you to bookmark this page on your home devices. Throughout the year we have navigated to most sites through the Knox County Elementary homepage (plus it's a great resource for parents and families about upcoming events and news in the school). To get to this homepage type [knoxschools.org](https://knoxschools.org) into your web browser. Choose your school and there you are! All sites that you can find under library/media pull-down menu, specifically in the Cougar Technology Lab, have been used extensively in Mrs. Bell's technology classes this year. Please be advised that you need to click on the [web address](#) to access the links.

**Typing.com** - Students in grades 3-5 have student accounts that will stay active throughout the summer. Correct hand placement is the most important skill 21st century students can learn as almost all work in today's workforce is done with a keyboard and familiarity with it will only increase productivity. Periodic timed tests are good to gauge progress. We do not do the games in school because you are required to watch an ad before playing. There are much better typing-skills games found under the "skills" tab in [abcya.com](https://www.typing.com).

**Dance Mat Typing** - this was used mainly in 1st and 2nd grade this year. It is a great introduction to keyboarding and the 2nd graders kept their progress charted in the classroom. I would suggest going to [typing.com](https://www.typing.com) and [abcya.com](https://www.abcya.com) if you'd like typing tests and/or games.

**Khan Academy** - KA has been a phenomenal resource to our 3rd and 5th grade math classes this year!! Again, all student accounts will be kept up throughout the summer. If you would like progress reports sent to you too, please just fill in your e-mail address in your child's account. The reports will let you know how much time has been spent, what skills have been covered, and areas of trouble and strength. Khan Academy offers so much more than just math -- check it out together and consider creating an account for yourself!

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**PBSkids.org** - this was used for skills work in pre-K and kindergarten this year although it is certainly not limited to just the primary grades!! Reading, rhyming, spelling, math concepts, color matching, phonics, etc. can all be found here. Certainly this site is made for kids!

**Toy Theater** - introduced in the library this year, it fast became a favorite to most of our students. It incorporates math, reading, art, puzzles, games, and music. Computer literacy skills are still being taught while having “fun”.

**Abcya.com** - in our Cougar Technology lab, one of our web browsers was set to this site so you might have to help your student navigate to it through our home page (although most are proficient enough now to type the address directly into your web browser’s address bar!). Yes, it is full of games but it is also full of skill-building activities in language, math, problem solving, and skill-building in other subject areas. To use this on a tablet you will have to download and pay for (most) apps. This is best used at a desktop or laptop computer.

Other websites:

When we did our unit on Internet Safety and using sites “just right for me” the site we learned navigation on was **kids.sandiegozoo.org**. Many students thoroughly enjoyed the live cams set up, videos, and games available. The other site that we did not have nearly enough time with this year was **code.org**. There are many sites out there (including Khan Academy) that teach coding and computer science! This was used because of the teacher training Knox County provided for its technology teachers this fall. Having a computer science credit (or two!) will most likely be a high school requirement by the time these EKCE students graduate. Beginning now will assure them success as they become college and career ready.

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Accounts.google.com - username/e-mail: s \_\_\_\_\_ @student.knoxschools.org

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Typing.com - username: \_\_\_\_\_ password: \_\_\_\_\_

Khan Academy - username: \_\_\_\_\_ password: \_\_\_\_\_

studio.code.org/sections/ \_\_\_\_\_ secret words: \_\_\_\_\_

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