



# Tech Talk at EDS!

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**Technology in the EDS Classrooms!** The new school year has started on a very positive note. This newsletter is to update you on what is happening in technology in the EDS classrooms. **Have you seen our new Computer lab? It is bright and beautiful!** If you haven't seen it, please take a few minutes during pick-up/drop off to see it. It is right opposite our Library and is brand new.

**We have fully loaded iMAC computers that arrived over the summer.** The lab was set up quickly, thanks to Mr. Menkin and a group of parent volunteers who helped.

## What's Currently Happening?



Along with the teachers, our computer volunteers are currently working hard to create a **grade-specific curriculum** for the children. The group met this month to chalk out a strategy to incorporate technology into the classrooms using creative projects.

Most of our classrooms have already got to work in the new lab to try out the new computers. At 2/3 grades, in the first project, the children got to take pictures of themselves using the **in-built camera of the iMAC computer**. They have used the photos to capture different emotions and will use Powerpoint to create slide shows regarding the same.

At grade 4/5 and higher, our students are busy practicing their typing skills and using the Internet for research material.



Fortunately, the **iMAC's** will help our students learn **audio, video and photo editing** in a very intuitive manner. The need is to prepare our students with real world skills that will allow them to learn, research and author using the computer.

**Ask your child today about what he/she did in the computer lab.**

## Interested in volunteering? Join us and be a part of an exciting experience!

If you use computers as a tool in your professional life, you can come to the classrooms and **talk about your profession**. The children would love to listen to what you do apart from your "being" on the computer. You could help us **maintain** our lab with maintenance on a regular basis. We also need help to set up our K/1 lab.

## Or you could also volunteer to take your child's class to the computer lab on a weekly basis



For more information, ask your Teacher or email **Shubda Garani, EDS Computer Lab Coordinator:**  
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## Did You Know?

The Bay area is the birth place of modern computing using silicon-based transistors that kicked off the semiconductor revolution. Bardeen, Brattain, and Shockley are the man credited to have started the "Silicon Valley".

**Watch for our next newsletter in Nov. '07.**

