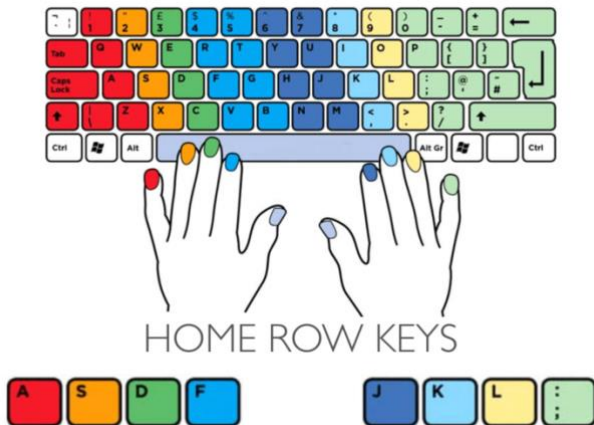


Keyboarding for Grammar School Students

Nitro Type <https://www.nitrotype.com/>

Qwerty Town <http://www.qwertytown.com/>

Typing should be started around 3rd grade, not really before, and is best before 6th grade when they may have a chance to form bad muscle memory. Make sure they have their fingers on Home Row



Speed is not necessarily a factor, but a rough guide to typing speed is to add 5 wpm per grade level. At the end of third grade, students should be typing about 15 words per minute and should have 85% accuracy.

Tips and tricks

- Set aside a regular time for keyboarding (ideally 15 to 30 minutes/day for 3 to 5 days/weeks)
- USE these techniques while in front of any computer
- Have students type their English or History assignment or spelling words for the week
- Include a five minute “warm-up” using a keyboarding game before “getting down to keying in a paper”
- Have students compose A to Z lists (i.e., Animals, names of the month, etc.)
- Rotate and develop stories from “Story Starters...”

For further resources check out <https://www.commonsense.org/education/top-picks/best-typing-games-for-students>.