

Optional Typing Agent Keyboarding Program Introduction

Welcome to the Stone Ridge Middle School! Whether you are new to Stone Ridge or are joining us from the lower school, we hope that you continue practicing typing on a regular basis (3 to 4 times a week or more). Since each student in the SR middle school uses their laptop several times a day, in classes or for homework and research, it is important for you to become a good touch-typist. The general recommendation for students' typing speed, calculated in words per minute and accuracy, is 5 words for every grade you have completed. So, grade 5 students should be typing at 25 words per minute, grade 6 - 30 wpm, grade 7 - 35 wpm, and grade 8 - 40 wpm. These are general recommendations, but by the end of grade 8, we certainly hope that you are up to 45 to 50 wpm. This is one area where practice really makes perfect! There are fun activities and games to play while using Typing Agent, but we recommend you do your typing lessons and then reward yourself with the typing games for the last 5 minutes of each session.

Please follow the instructions below to access your Stone Ridge Typing Agent account. You can also watch this video for visual instructions if that's easier - <http://youtu.be/9jy4fhQRFlg?hd=1>

Student username: first initial last name year you graduate. Example: Rick Alfonso, 5th grader: ralfonso28

Password for each student: 123456 (also the password for ixl.com to make life easier).

Instructions:

1. On a computer (it can be any computer) go to typingagent.com - <https://typingagent.com/>
2. Click on the green button, LOGIN
3. Enter this information:
 - a. domaine: stoneridge
 - b. Username: firstinitiallastnameyear you graduate (example: ralfonso28)
 - c. Password: 123456
4. Click on the "Keyboarding Foundations 3+" to take a typing test so you can be placed in the correct typing lessons
5. You will only be able to click on certain activities once you've completed some of the lessons. If there is a lock on a lesson or activity, you can't move on.
6. Once you've taken your typing assessment, Typing Agent creates individualized lessons and activities for you to follow. Remember, you can only move to next levels or unlock activities by doing the activities that DON'T have locks on them.
7. To navigate Typing Agent, click on the "Phone Home" icon (a grid of 9 dots) to return back to the home page of Typing Agent.
8. Click on the Progress button to see your progress over time
9. Click on the question mark to answer questions about Typing Agent.
10. You can also exit this program by clicking on exit.

Please, practice typing for at least three or four times a week for 10 to 20 minutes each time. Remember to have good typing posture, hover your fingers over the home row keys, with your index fingers on the F and J keys.