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"Tablets proliferate in nation's classrooms"

Below are excerpts from the Washington Post article on May 17, 2014 by Michael Alison Chandler & Hayley Tsukayama

At Jamestown Elementary in Arlington, second-grade students ring a chime every time they publish something new.



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Social studies students in a District middle school use a touch screen to swipe through the articles of the Constitution. A fifth-grade teacher in Arlington County sends video lessons to students as homework so she can spend more time helping them in class.

They use their iPads to write book reviews or stories about their spring vacations or current events, then they illustrate them with photos or pictures. When they are done, they post them in a class drop box and ring the chime. That is their classmates' cue to log on and read.

One-to-one computing — in which each student receives a computer for Internet access and digital learning — took root with laptops in schools well over a decade ago, but it has gotten a huge boost in recent years with the advent of lower-cost tablet computers. U.S. schools are expected to purchase 3.5 million tablets by the end of the year, according to industry analysts, giving students access to an array of modern educational opportunities that come with the technology. Worldwide, K-12 spending on tablets has increased 60 percent over last year.

The students also made book reports the old-fashioned way, with paper and pencil. But then they used their iPads to take pictures of the pages and recorded themselves narrating the text. They combined the images and sound in iMovie and published them on a video-sharing Web site that their parents — and everyone else — could see.

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The rush for schools to buy tablets and other computers comes ahead of a looming deadline for [new online standardized tests](#), scheduled to be introduced next year in 45 states and the District that signed on to the new national Common Core learning standards.

Aid for Educators wants to help provide tablets to motivated teachers in poor school districts.

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Computers can help students learn at their own pace, based on what they know rather than on whatever class they are in. Experts say this can be particularly helpful for a ninth-grader who reads at a fourth-grade level. Computers also have the potential to engage students through the same kinds of games, videos and social networks that captivate them during their free time.

For Katharine Hale's fifth-grade class at Abingdon Elementary School, many lessons actually start after the school day ends. Her students use their iPads to watch videos that Hale has recorded from her desk at school or her dining room table about the order of operations in math or how to identify different kinds of nonfiction essays.



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