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Thumbs up for Chrome Books

These first graders give a big thumbs-up as they tote big black cases containing the brand-new Chrome Books they were given last week as part of District 4 Schools' student technology roll out. The students will use the units during the school year and will return them before summer dismissal. Full story and more photos inside this issue.



Above: A 4th grader helps a first grader place his Chrome Book inside the case each student was given to transport their computers to and from home. District 4 students in grades 1, 4 and 7 were given the units to use for the remainder of the school year.



Left: At the District 4 elementary school buildings, 4th graders like this one showed first graders how to plug in their new units. The older children who had already received their Chrome Books helped the younger students how to care for their new machines.

District 4 students receive Chrome Books

Part of student technology roll out

Addison School District 4 students in grades 1, 4, and 7 have been receiving Chrome Books during the past two weeks as part of the district's student technology rollout. Students were instructed about their responsibilities in the care of their devices. The computers were checked out using each school library's inventory control/ check out system before students had the opportunity to practice inserting the device in its carrying case. Students will be responsible for charging their devices every night at home.

At the elementary school buildings, 4th graders who had already received their Chrome Books assisted the younger students as staff showed the 1st graders how to care for their new machines.

Staff members whose students have the individual devices have

received training on ways in which they can use these machines to enhance learning. Additional professional development opportunities are planned for teachers to learn and share information about fully utilizing the computers.

"It was so exciting to see their faces light up as they worked on our first project," said Fullerton School 1st grade teacher Dena Seidenfuss, after of working with students on a lesson where they created a monster, using the touch screen and the device's sound recording capability. "There is so much we'll be able to do with these!"

All 1st, 4th and 7th graders will return their devices to school before summer vacation.

When they return to school in fall, they will be given the same device they used during the 2017-18 school year.

This is the first year of a 3-year rollout plan. At the end of three years all District 4 students will have individual devices to use for schoolwork.



These District 4 students stand in line to check out their new Chrome Books from the school library. The computers used each school library's inventory control/ check out system before students had the opportunity to practice inserting the device in its carrying case. Students will be responsible for charging their devices every night at home.

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