

Class 6 LIP



“Laptop Immersion Program, Fall 2004”

In the fall of 2004, Class 6 students will once again participate in our year long laptop immersion program. The goal of this program is to enhance our curriculum with the integration and incorporation of technology into the classroom experience. We see this as an opportunity to accelerate and intensify the tech know-how and skills of our class 6 students. Our curriculum will not change, but teaching and learning styles will be enhanced through the appropriate infusion of technology.

After an orientation period in September, your daughter and her classmates will be issued Chapin-owned laptops. They will carry these laptops with them [in carrying cases] during the school day, using them as called for: in classes, labs and other learning environments. We have chosen Apple iBooks, which are relatively lightweight and have the functions and software we desire. The laptops will be powered by batteries and maintained by the school. Your daughter will learn to move files back and forth from Mac to PC to allow versatility of usage.

As you may know, six of the classrooms in our Middle School have been converted into “smart” classrooms. The rooms are equipped with ceiling-mounted projectors, laptop-friendly desks and special audio features.

We are excited that the Class of 2011 will be the next group to be part of this program. Our experiences over the past year suggest this immersion approach will provide your daughter with the competence, confidence and enthusiasm for technology necessary in the 21st century.

What we need from you:

- **a Mac or PC available at home for your daughter’s use**
- **web access**
- **Microsoft Office (Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel)**