## **Technology in the Classroom**

Technology is here... and it is here to stay! It touches almost every part of our lives, our communities, our schools and our homes. Used appropriately and integrated with classroom instruction, technology helps students acquire the skills they need to thrive in a complex, highly technological world.

In schools today, integrating technology into classroom instruction means more than just teaching basic computer skills and software programs in a separate computer lab. We find that effective integration happens across the curriculum which deepens and enhances the learning process.

Meaningful technology integration is achieved when the use of technology is routine and supports curricular goals. Through projects, students acquire and refine their problem-solving skills as they work individually and in teams to find and process information. It is a new way of learning.

The internet provides valuable information and myriad resources as it connects students to knowledge and experts in the real world. Schools need to be aware and provide careful guidance and monitoring to protect students from veering away from their specific research.

At Woodcrest Elementary School in Tarzana, technology has also enhanced the way our teachers teach, offering them effective ways to reach different types of learners and assess student understanding through multiple means. Through the use of Ipads and laptop computers along with an impressive computer lab, teachers and students have found the power of computer technology to be meaningful and fun!

Come see Woodcrest School's technology plan in action and how it complements proven, traditional methods, at our Open House on November 27th. Call 818-345-3002 to RSVP.