Technology Policy--for acceptable use please see Student Handbook pages 10-11

Technology will have a big part in our language arts and reading classrooms. Students will be expected and allowed to use technology in the classroom. Students may type some of their papers and projects and use a variety of multimedia programs for presentations, discussions, and to research their ideas. Some of these include:

 visiting **my classroom website (moorelangread.weebly.com)** to keep up-to-date with what goes on in class, expectations, extra helpful resources, and when assignments are due

 looking up student grades, attendance, and class schedules on **PowerSchool**

 using **L-M Student Google Accounts** to check and send appropriate messages related to student learning

 typing and saving work on **Google Drive** or **word processing software (e.g. MS Word)**

 using **presentation software (e.g. PowerPoint)**, making **videos**, and **browsing the Internet and online databases** for artifacts and research

 using **online reference resources (e.g. dictionary, encyclopedia, etc.)**

 participating in **classroom blogs** (online conversations and discussions about an in-class reading or activity—for more information, see the link to **Edmodo** on the Reading page of my classroom website)

As often as I can, I will reserve laptops or the computer lab for student use during class time, however some students may not finish all of their assigned work during class time. **If computer and/or Internet access is not available in your home, there are several options:**

 students may make an appointment with me to come in before or after school and use either my classroom computers or check out laptops and work in my room

 students may get a pass from me to work on a school computer during AAT

 students can go to any of the public libraries in our community; Keck, Letts, and Muscatine all have computer and internet access **free** for the public

Don't put off typing final papers and projects until the night before it is due!
Technology is not always reliable and if:

 your document didn't get saved properly,

 your computer crashed or is not compatible,

 or your printer malfunctioned/ran out of ink or paper…

 …the night (or morning) before it is due, <u>it will be counted late!</u>

 Plan ahead and use your in-class work time and the options listed above wisely. ☺