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Introduction

Hi fellow tech teacher! My name is Jacqui Murray. These posters are from my tech lab. I refer to them often during lessons and sometimes do a quick 'quiz' to see who remembers what. They cover the basics of good technology skills for kids. If you own the <u>Structured Learning</u> technology curriculum, you've seen some of them throughout those eight textbooks. I know you'll enjoy this collection.

As a bonus, I've included a sample lesson outline (see end of this ebook) to get your school year started or recharged. For more ideas on how to teach fun, effective technology to students K-8, visit <u>Ask a Tech Teacher</u>©.

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As students learn to draw in KidPix, they perfect mouse skills—drag-and-drop, left click, how to hold the mouse. Here are a few reminders that will help them develop good mouse habits as early as Kindergarten:

MOUSE CONTROL

Single Click: Select

Double Click:

Open

Right Click:

Choices—Drop-down menu



Great Keyboarding Hints for K-2

Make sure keyboard remains in centered front of student, mouse to right (or left for lefties). Students will push keyboard away to concentrate on mouse. Don't let them.

- Have student tuck their elbows against the sides of their bodies. This keeps hands in the right spot home row
- 3. Use thumb for space bar. That leaves hands on home row
- Curl fingers over home row—they're cat paws, not dog paws
- Use inside fingers for inside keys, outside for outside keys
- 6. Use finger closest to the key you need. Sounds simple, but this isn't what usually happens with beginners.
- 7. Keep pointers anchored to f and j
- 8. Play keyboard like a piano (or violin, or guitar, or recorder). You'd never use the pointer for all keys
- Fingers move, not hands. Anchor hands to f and j keys
- 10. Don't use caps lock for capitals! Use shift.
- 11. Students must keep hands to themselves. Don't touch others mouse, keyboard, monitor. This gives

Difference between 'Save' and 'Save-as'

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

SAVE

AND

SAVE AS?



- Save the first time
- Resave changes to the same location

SAVE AS

- Resave under a new name
- Resave to a new location

GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEERS

 Use the Socratic Method—ask questions, encourage students to solve their own problems.

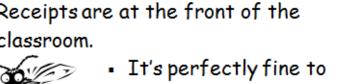


 Remember: Don't do for the students--ask them questions to get them to do

 You will always know more than the students, so don't worry!

• Each class is an hour of volunteer time

• Receipts are at the front of the classroom.



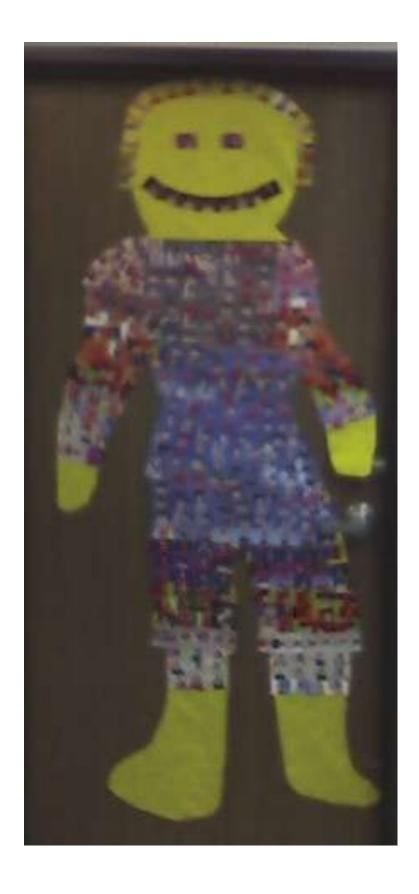
miss. I understand you have lives outside of my class.





This is a favorite decoration of students. I take all of their pictures at the beginning of the school year, format them in Photoshop, print them as two inch squares and paste them on a generic background that's shaped like a student. They spend lots of time trying to find themselves among the 400 students on the 'body' and even bring their parents in to show them the 'school computer student'.

Doing this allows me to intrigue them about technology, display the power of Photoshop and discuss digital pictures.



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