

PS 334

## TECHNOLOGY

GRADES 2-5

With Ms. Rosen

FALL 2008

This Term's  
HIGHLIGHTS**Our Thoughts on Election 2008.**

"McCain thinks that America should reduce greenhouse emissions and run on nuclear power. That could be dangerous if it broke!"

"Obama wants to bring back troops but continue to rebuild Iraq, but I think that would hurt the economy."

Grades 4&amp;5

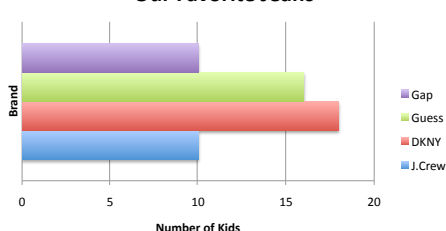
**Programming in Micro Worlds**

"When you tell the turtle to put the pen down and give it commands, it will create a design."

**Grade 3**  
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Our Favorite Jeans

**Excel Graphs  
Grade 5**Keyboarding  
Grades 2-5**Grade 2**

- **Writing, Drawing, Creating Music, and Exploring Software.** Students are getting ready to create multi-media projects by learning to use painting and music tools, as well as simple writing tools in MicroWorlds. Exploring software has also been one of our favorite activities!
- **A Stamp of Me!** Right now, we are drawing our own portraits in MicroWorlds and will turn our drawings into stamps, which we can use later on in our multimedia projects.

**Grade 3**

- **Basic Internet Searching and Note-taking Skills.** On the third grade, we are reviewing basic Internet searching and note-taking skills. We are taking virtual field-trips to learn about various subjects. We enjoy the Museum of Natural History's Ology website, National Geographic and NASA for Kids.
- **Connection to Social Studies.** We will be starting our online studies of countries of the world very soon and will create slideshows in AppleWorks.

**Grade 4**

- **New York State.** We spent many weeks this fall researching online and learning about New York State. We also re-designed the New York State seal using NY State's symbols in Microsoft Word or AppleWorks.
- **Desktop Publishing.** We are creating magazine ads! First we examine the basic components of an ad. Then we create an ad for a product of our own choosing in MS Word.

**Grade 5**

- **Excel Spreadsheets and Graphs.** We have just begun Excel spreadsheets. We have created a baby spreadsheet with just enough data for creating a graph. We will continue exploring spreadsheet tools which can help us in our classroom learning, especially math.
- **Cereal Box Celebrities.** We get to use Photo Booth, a program on our new laptops which we are very excited about, to take pictures of ourselves. We put our faces on a cereal box in Microsoft Word and add messages to tell kids to eat healthfully.

**All Grades**

- **Keyboarding.** Most computer classes start with a 10-15 minute typing lesson. Students can practice at home by going on the same website we use at school, listed on Ms. Rosen's technology website: <http://technology.ps9.org>, or on our eChalk Technology Class. A number of other typing websites, as well as some of our other favorite websites are also listed.
- **Election 2008.** Grades 3-5 also spent some time on Election activities from "Being President for a Day" to learn about things like how our government works and what it's like being in a voting booth.
- **Math Enrichment Activities.** All classes explore online math activities, which help us learn or review our math skills.
- **Technology Skills.** Overall, each grade has a specific set of technology skills to learn and apply around classroom activities. We are looking forward to creating webpages, multimedia presentations with sound and animation, as well as programming. We program our own games on the third grade. Many of our upper graders often return to MicroWorlds to challenge their programming skills.