

Subject #2: Composition and Communication

Project #20: A Holiday Card—in KidPix. Mix words and pictures to create a holiday card using skills learned since the school year began. Students can also add paint bucket backgrounds and fills to extend the lesson.

Higher-order thinking skills	Technology-specific:	Subject Area/ Learning-specific	Standard: NETS-S
<i>Creating knowledge (recall info)</i>	<i>Format pictures, merge multiple intelligences</i>	<i>Grammar and spelling</i>	<i>1.b, 6.a</i>

Grade level: K-3

Prior knowledge: Project 1/2 (KidPix BasxI/II)

Time required: 30 minutes, 2 sessions for K-1

Software required: KidPix

Vocabulary: grammar, capitalize, shift key, caps lock, fill, palette, network, toolbar, tool, flash drive

Lesson Description

- KidPix Cards are created using a variety of mediums (paint brush, fills, text, backgrounds). For younger students, use two sessions: one for practice and one to redo and print. This gives them ample time to try all of KidPix's fun tools.
- Encourage creativity. They may draw a picture, a symbol, the shape of words, whatever comes to mind.
- As the year progresses, ask them to work more independently, without teacher assistance as much as possible. By the third or fourth card, they should have a toolkit of problem-solving skills to turn to before engaging teacher-controlled learning.

Computer Activity

- Open KidPix. Decide between paint brush and pencil tool. If they pick pencil, encourage them to use all tools on the bottom toolbar. If they pick paint, suggest they use at least 5 paint brushes.
- When drawing is complete, students enhance it with the spray can (if you've covered it in class), the fill tool, stamps and stickers.

- If the student can't remember how to perform a skill, facilitate their learning process by asking questions to help recall. Remind them when they used it last. Act as a guide, not a giver-of-knowledge. If they still can't remember, suggest they try what they do remember. There is no right or wrong choice.
- Add text. Display a list of words they're likely to use on the overhead or Smart Board. Remind them how important spelling is. For younger students, use caps lock. For older students, remind them to use the shift key to capitalize the first letter of a sentence and proper nouns, and to put a period at the end of the sentence.
- Print without help; save

Extensions

- Change font and font color for the sentence or their name.

Troubleshooting Tips

- *My shift key doesn't work (Is caps lock on?)*
- *I can't change the color of my words (Highlight what you've typed and pick a color from the color palette)*

