Reprinted with permission, Pat Weddle, Alice Buffett Middle School, Omaha Public Schools.

5th & 6th Grade Electronic Publishing TimelineTextbook Resource: *The Non-Designer's Design Book 2nd Edition*

Programs Utilized: Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, Internet Explorer

Lesson Length	Lesson Topic
(adjust as needed)	and Sample Activity
(dajaot do Hoodou)	and Jampie Activity
1 day	Lesson 1: Welcome to Class
1 day	Lesson 2: Computer Basics http://www.kidsdomain.com/brain/computer/lesson.html Logging in Navigating the desktop, menus, and toolbars Creating folders and saving files in the student home Setting default printer to the classroom Basic Computer Terms (Word Wall) Sample Activity Have students create a tutorial they could use to teach other students how to complete a specific task from the list above. Play word wall games
2 days	Lesson 3: What is Desktop Publishing • Define desktop publishing • Identify products and uses • Identify related careers • http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos276.htm Sample Activity • Create a help wanted sign for a desktop publishing job. Describe the position, qualifications needed, and an approximate salary. (paper/pencil) • Bring examples of desktop publishing from the world we live in.
1 day	Lesson 4: Publishing Steps / Preplanning with Thumbnails • Steps in the Desktop Publishing process • http://desktoppub.about.com/od/courses/ht/how to do dtp.htm • Why is preplanning important • What to consider when preplanning • Demonstrate how to draw thumbnails

	Sample Activity • Pretend you want to remodel your bedroom. Draw a sketch of what your room looks like now, then draw a thumbnail of what it would look like after you remodeled. (paper/pencil)
1 day	Lesson 5: I ntroduction to Microsoft Word • Launching the program via icon, program menu, and run command • Identify commonly used menu and toolbar features • Determine page setup options • Utilize print preview • Select print preferences • Saving a document Sample Activity • Have students choose 5 toolbar features they think would be used most often by a desktop publisher. Draw a diagram of the toolbar button along with a brief description of what it does. • Have student create a word file to type daily bell work in.
1 day	Lesson 6: Choosing Just The Right Font • How does font choice affect a print document • Categories of type (pgs 131-142) • Combining different fonts (pgs 123-130) • Type contrasts (pgs 143-174) Sample Activity • Choose three different fonts from the computer. Use a comparison matrix to compare/contrast various aspects of each font such as its look, feel, texture, etc.
2 days	Lesson 7: Textboxes in Microsoft Word Inserting textboxes Modifying a textbox outline Selecting font style, size, color, and alignment How to bold, underline, and italicize text Moving the textbox Sample Activity Have students create a seating chart for an imaginary classroom. The chart should include textboxes which represent the teacher's desk, each student desk, and their names.
2 days	Lesson 8: Drawing Tools in Microsoft Word • Identify drawing toolbar icons

	 Drawing shapes and utilizing autoshapes Changing shape and outline colors Modifying the order and layering of shapes/text Group and Ungroup multiple shapes/text Sample Activity Have students create a logo, including various colored shapes and text. Be sure to group all objects together.
3 days	Lesson 9: Graphics in Microsoft Word • Basic file types (.jpg, .gif, .wmf) • Inserting pictures from clipart (not including internet graphics) • Modifying a graphic's format (size and layout) • Moving graphics around the screen • Layering and grouping graphics • Inserting Word Art Sample Activity • Create a student classroom quilt. Have each student insert their name in the center of a word document, using word art. Then have students insert clip art pictures that represent aspects of their life (family, hobbies, likes, etc.). Print and connect student documents into a quilt.
3 days	Lesson 10: Locating, Saving, and Inserting Internet Graphics Discuss basic copyright rules Utilizing web browsers and search engines to find graphics Identifying copyright-free clipart and photography websites Saving graphics to appropriate folders Inserting saved graphics into a Word Document Sample Activity Have students create a photo collage about a specific topic of their choice (endangered species, musical instruments, school subjects, etc.). All pictures must be captured from the internet.
2 days	 Lesson 11: Trading Cards (MS Word Skills Review Activity) Review basic text, drawing and graphic skills Have students create trading cards about themselves, animals, athletes, actors, etc. Use http://www.education-world.com/a tech/techtorial/techtorial054.pdf as a resource.
1 day	Lesson 12: Introduction to Microsoft Publisher • Launching the program via icon, program menu, and run command • Similarities and differences between Publisher and Word

	 Publisher menus and toolbars
	 Creating Blank Publications (from scratch)
	Sample Activity
	 Create a Venn Diagram that compares/contrasts word and publisher.
	 Create a name tent for your computer using the tent card feature from
	the blank publications menu. Be sure to draw a thumbnail first.
	Lancard 40. Tanandatas in Bublishan
2 days	Lesson 13: Templates in Publisher
	Why use templates
	Pros and cons of using templates
	Changing template color schemes
	 Adding/deleting graphics and text from templates
	Sample Activity
	 Sample Activity Create a greeting card using a template from the Publications for Print
	menu. Personalize the card to best meet your needs.
	menu. Tersonalize the card to best meet your needs.
1 day	Lesson 14: Principles of Design
	 Basic introduction and relevance to desktop publishing
	 Proximity and Alignment (pgs 15-48)
	o Purpose
	 How to get it
	 What to avoid
	Sample Activity
	 Add proximity and alignment to the pizza graphic organizer.
	 View positive and negative examples of proximity and alignment
1 day	Lesson 15: Principles of Design, Continued
	Review proximity and alignment
	 Repetition and Contrast (pgs 49-78)
	o Purpose
	o How to get it
	 What to avoid
	Sample Activity
	 Add repetition and contrast to the pizza graphic organizer.
	 View positive and negative examples of repetition and contrast
2 days	Lesson 16: Creating a Business Card
	Discuss do's and don'ts (pages 89-92)
	View examples
	Sample Activity
·	

	 Create a business card. Be sure to incorporate the principles of design. Don't forget to begin by drawing a thumbnail.
2 days	 Lesson 17: Creating a Letterhead Discuss do's and don'ts (pages 93-96) View examples
	 Sample Activity Create a Letterhead. Be sure to incorporate the principles of design. Don't forget to begin by drawing a thumbnail.
2 days	Lesson 18: Creating a Flyer • Discuss do's and don'ts (pages 97-100) • View examples
	 Sample Activity Create a Flyer. Be sure to incorporate the principles of design. Don't forget to begin by drawing a thumbnail.
3 days	Lesson 19: Creating a Newsletter • Discuss do's and don'ts (pages 101-104) • View examples
	 Sample Activity Create a Newsletter. Be sure to incorporate the principles of design. Don't forget to begin by drawing a thumbnail.
3 days	Lesson 20: Creating a Brochure • Discuss do's and don'ts (pages 105-108) • View examples
	 Sample Activity Create a Brochure. Be sure to incorporate the principles of design. Don't forget to begin by drawing a thumbnail.
2 days	Lesson 21: Creating a Postcard • Discuss do's and don'ts (pages 109-112) • View examples
	Sample Activity

	Create a Postcard. Be sure to incorporate the principles of design. Don't forget to begin by drawing a thumbnail.
3 days	 Lesson 22: Creating a Newspaper Ad Discuss do's and don'ts (pages 113-116) View examples Sample Activity Create a Newspaper Ad. Be sure to incorporate the principles of design. Don't forget to begin by drawing a thumbnail.
1 day	Lesson 23: Principles of Design Review Day • Discuss principles and how they work together (Pgs 79-83) Sample Activity
	 In groups, complete the resume comparison activity. (Pg 84) Discuss student conclusions as a class. Redesign an advertisement using the principles of design. (Pg 85 or 178)
3 days	 Lesson 24: Final – Print Portfolio Choose three projects you have completed this semester that you would like to present to your classmates. For each project, you should complete a summary sheet that includes: A description of the project Why you choice it (be specific) What you learned in the process of creating it. Each student will be responsible for a 3-5 minute presentation.
	EXTRA PROJECTS • If you have extra time, have students select an additional project from the list below: • Certificate • Banner • Calendar • Photo Frame • Restaurant Menu • Gift Tags • Candy Wrappers • Book Jackets • CD Cover