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Thus far in kindergarten and 1st grade the primary goal is having the children become acclimated to using the mouse (right clicking, left clicking and using the mouse wheel) and increasing their hand eye coordination primarily through drawing on the computer. They are also learning the windows layout, what icons are, how to use the taskbar and basic keyboard short cuts.

Going forward the children will be introduced to learning games that will increase their ability to navigate a keyboard and further increase their ability to use a mouse while learning other things.

2nd grade through 8th are learning Microsoft Word. They are learning to create a menu. They are duplicating a premade menu and upon completion they are to create their own. Not only are they able to have fun and express their creativity but they are learning how to layout and format pages, how to create and use tables, font usage and how to navigate windows.

The children will continue to explore windows and be working on a project that will teach them the fundamentals of PowerPoint, including slide transitions and using images, video and music. Past this project the children will be taught hardware. "What's under the hood" of the computers they work on and how they work. Once they gain the basic understanding of this, any intimidation they may have by seeing all these strange complicated parts will be alleviated and this knowledge can be applied to many other things.

 One of my main goals is to give the children an advanced knowledge of technology but also making them aware of both the pros and cons of technology in today's world.

Thank You,
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