K - Lesson 2

Student can turn the computer on/off

1. Computers should be off for the beginning of this lesson. Follow opening procedures from previous visit to establish expectations for entire year.

2. Explain that sometimes when they go to work at a computer it may not be on, or may not appear to be on. (Sometimes computers that are asleep appear to be off). Have students press the space bar to check and see if the computer is asleep or off (model location of the space bar). Nothing should have occurred, so let students know that this is a good way to find out if the computer is on or not.

3. Show students the location of the power button. Older children can usually learn to 'feel' for it, but Kindergarten students will need to see the location of the button, typically on the back of the machine, to know where it is. Have students, row by row, turn the computers on.

4. Review previous lesson procedures using the Starfall website, and have students continue with alphabet activity, allowing them to develop more independence. Students can be encouraged to share quietly with their neighbors if not sharing computers in order to develop oral language (especially EL students).

5. Review cleaning up procedures. Using Safari or Firefox menu in menu bar, have students quit the application. Normally, students will not need to shut down the computer at the end of a lesson, as other students will be using the computers later in the day. A common exception would be the last class using the computers on a Friday. Shutting computers down over the weekend is a good practice, though on weekdays it is not necessary, as the computer will go into its 'sleep' mode, which uses almost no electricity overnight.

6. As part of this lesson, students should turn the computer off. Here are two acceptable methods for shutting down a Mac:

a. Pull down the apple menu to **Shut Down**… Click on the Shut Down button (or press the **return key**). If using a laptop, do not close the lid (screen) until the screen has turned black.

b. Press the power button. A dialog box appears asking if you want to shut down the computer. The Shut Down button will be highlighted blue.

Students can click on the **Shut Down** button with their mouse, or can press the **return key** to simulate clicking on the Shut Down button.

7. Reflect on how it went with students.