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Introduction to Kid Pix: Simple Projects

Upon the success *of Kid Pix* for *Terrified Teachers K–2* and *Kid Pix for Terrified Teachers 3–5*, teachers have been asking for more activities for their students.

Here are the newest activities for students using *Kid Pix*. In addition to new activities which students can do following easy step-by-step directions, there are activities for two students using one computer and *Kid Pix* to do together.

A new feature of *Kid Pix*: *Simple Projects* is a CD-ROM containing all the examples from the book and a series of templates which students can use. Students use these interactive templates to create their own unique publications. They follow the directions, add artwork and words, and then save the file with their initials and print. The templates were designed to encourage using thinking and computer skills as well as creative thought.

The empowering of students to create something unique using a computer is overwhelming when you think about it. Imagine all the power of computing at the fingers of students. *Kid Pix* enables children to enter a world of technology at their level of understanding.

Enjoy using *Kid Pix*: *Simple Projects K–2* and *Kid Pix for Terrified Teachers K–2* with your students.

Using *Kid Pix*

Classroom teachers who work with younger children will find many uses for the activities in this book. Many of the projects can be adapted for use in other grades and in special programs. English language development, special education, and gifted and talented students will find delight in their *Kid Pix* discoveries.

Duplicate the project directions, mount them on cardboard, laminate them, and place them next to the computer. You might want to duplicate and mount the examples also so students have an idea of how the project might look. The examples are merely a jumping-off point for students because their projects will be much more creative.
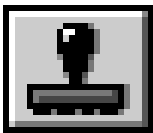
The projects are written at a primary level and encompass the different disciplines found in the primary grades. As students work on the projects, they will also be honing their computer skills. As you become more familiar with *Kid Pix*, you will find countless ways in which to use it in your classroom.
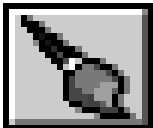
Mother's Day Certificate

This Project

A certificate for your mother for Mother's Day is a wonderful present to give. First of all, it is from you and tells your mother that you know about all the nice things that she does for you.
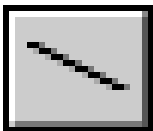
1. Think about all the many things that you mother does for you. She makes your meals, helps you with homework, takes you to places you need to go, and, most of all, she loves you. What would you like to tell her on this special day?

2. First, make the frame for the certificate and then write the message.

3. There are several frames to choose from.

   - Select Rubber Stamps and find a stamp that would look good as a frame. It might be a bow, maybe the sun, or anything that would look good repeated. Click on the rubber stamp and stamp it all around the edges of the screen to make a frame.
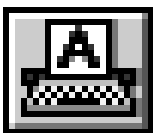
   - Select Wacky Brush and choose one of the options that would make a good frame. The bubbles might be good or maybe the hands, bows, or hearts from the options menu.

   - Another frame choice might be to make straight lines with the Straight Line tool in different colours and put rubber stamps in each corner.

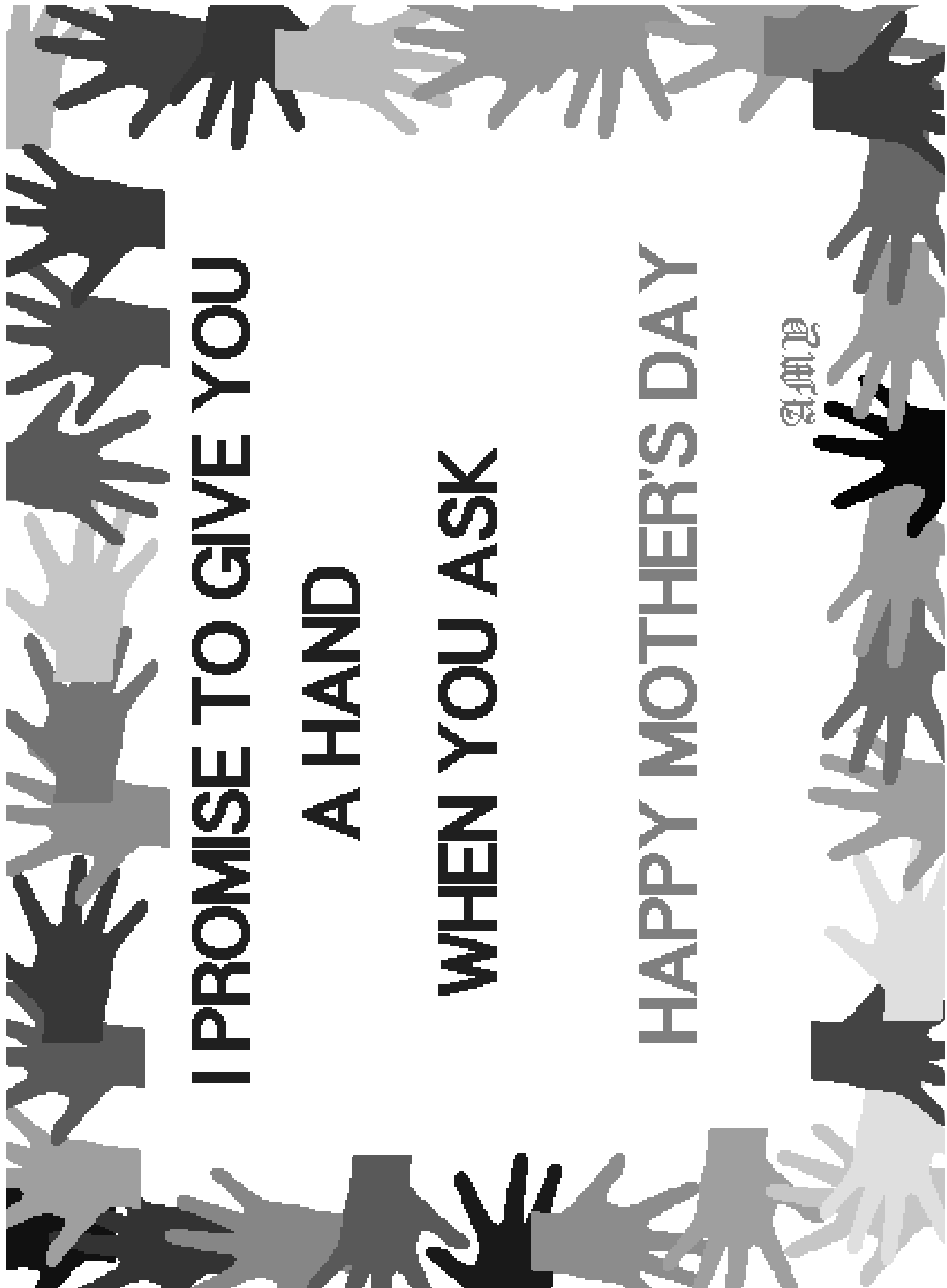4. Type in what you want to say to your mother.

5. Use the Typewriter tool or select Goodies and choose Type Text. Choose a colour from the colour palette before you start typing in your message. You could even have many different colours in your message.

6. Print your certificate for your mother. Select Print from the File menu.

What Else Can I Do?

1. Make certificates for friends and other relatives.

2. You can make certificates for winners of games and for awards from clubs.

Mother's Day Certificate *(cont.)*

I PROMISE TO GIVE YOU

A HAND

WHEN YOU ASK

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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