Promoting language arts instruction at the primary level through innovative technology

"Primary Language Connections really motivates children to develop their reading and writing skills. The students love the exciting software and teachers appreciate the reading skills students are learning."

—Karen Bryant
Computer Coordinator
York Central School
Retsof, New York

Primary Language Connections

The Primary Language Connections Bundle—the featured solution—combines a Power Macintosh 5500/225 computer with the Primary Language Connections Kit, a collection of CD-based tools and content, software tools, and teacher resources. Other computer options are also available.

Teachers in the primary grades are looking for a simpler way to enhance their existing language arts instruction through the innovative use of technology. As computers are becoming more and more common in elementary classrooms, teachers are seeking out tools to help them teach whole language skills and phonics. Now Apple has made it easier to incorporate technology into the primary language arts curriculum.

The Apple Education Series: Primary Language Connections Bundle provides an Apple® Macintosh® computer and the Primary Language Connections Kit. This collection of language arts software and curriculum tools supports the four pathways of language learning—reading, writing, speaking, and listening—to provide a multisensory learning environment for students. And to help meet the diverse learning needs of K–3 students, the kit accommodates a variety of teaching approaches—from phonics to the balanced approach of whole language skills reinforced with phonics.

These flexible, customizable, and easy-to-use software programs can be quickly adapted to individual teaching styles and to the needs of individual students. The kit allows instructors to integrate technology into their existing curriculum, while also providing models of instruction, examples, teacher materials, and technology tips. As a special feature, we've included take-home pages for parents called "Making the School-to-Home Connection," to help support educators' efforts in involving parents in the education of their children.

The Primary Language Connections Kit, especially when paired with the complementary Primary Curriculum Connections Kit, is the ideal choice if you're looking for an easy-to-use yet complete package to help you incorporate technology into K–3 language arts instruction.

Apple Education

More Choices, More Flexibility

When you order a Macintosh computer with the Elementary Curriculum Connections Kit, you may also order two *other* Apple Education Series kits. *It's as easy as 1-2-3.*

1. **Select a computer.** Order the featured solution—which includes a Power Macintosh® 5500/225 and the kit—or choose one of the other computers mentioned below and order the computer and kit separately. Refer to the computer data sheets for more details.

2. **Choose two other kits.** If you wish to order additional Apple Education Series kits, you can find out what's available on the Education Price List and review the contents on their respective data sheets.

3. **Purchase everything at once.** The Macintosh computer and up to three kits must all appear on the same purchase order.

Computer Options

This Apple Education Series kit can be purchased with the Power Macintosh 5500 or 6500 series computers, or the PowerBook® 1400 series computers with CD-ROM drives. *Refer to the respective data sheets for details.*

———— *Featured Computer* ————

Power Macintosh 5500/225

Powered by a 225-MHz PowerPC™ 603e processor, equipped with 32MB of RAM, 256K level 2 cache, built-in tilt-and-swivel 15-inch (12.8-inch diagonal viewable image size) multiple-scan color display, 2GB hard disk drive, 24x-speed CD-ROM drive, one PCI expansion slot (7-inch), Ethernet networking, stereo speakers and microphone, keyboard, and mouse.

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Primary Language Connections Kit

Software

Alphabet Express from School Zone Publishing Company
Offers eight alphabet activities that combine music, sound effects, animations, and illustrations. Children get practice in skills such as sequencing, letter recognition, letter sound association, and problem solving.

Arthur's Reading Race from Brøderbund Software, Inc.
Presents an interactive version of the book by Marc Brown. Also includes a beginning reading game and an activity in which students use words and pictures from the story to create their own sentences.

At Ease™ from Apple Computer, Inc.
Offers an easy-to-use alternative—specially designed for children—to the standard Macintosh user interface.

Big Anthony's Mixed-Up Magic from The Learning Company
Presents the story, *Strega Nona Meets Her Match,* by Tomie dePaola. Students can read the story, listen to the author read the story, or jump right in and join Big Anthony in any of nine interactive activities. Helps students develop problem-solving skills and encourages reading and storytelling.

ClarisWorks® for Kids from Claris Corporation
Provides an all-in-one writing, painting, graphing, lists, and fun activities tool for young children. Includes more than 75 activities and an extensive library of clip art, sounds, and movies. Plus, the World Wide Web can be conveniently accessed directly from within the program (web browser, modem, and Internet account required).

Grady Profile from Aurbach & Associates, Inc.
An electronic portfolio assessment tool in which teachers can easily store students' work and assess their progress.

Interactive Reading Journey 1 from The Learning Company
Offers 40 sequenced storybooks and 100 phonics and word lessons guided by animated characters. As children explore 20 different lands on their journey, they gain experience with word recognition, reading comprehension, and phonics.

Interactive Reading Journey 2 from The Learning Company
Helps students continue their progress from the first level. Sequenced, multilevel activities help them learn skills, including phonics, initial letter blends, and word recognition. Original stories promote reading comprehension, reasoning abilities, vocabulary, and more.

Kid Phonics 2 from Davidson & Associates
Presents seven animated, customizable activities with a Wild West theme designed to help students progress from sounding out words to building whole sentences. Students learn reading basics as well as advanced concepts such as prefixes, suffixes, silent letters, and more.

Kid Works 2 Bilingual from Davidson & Associates
Provides bilingual (English and Spanish) word processing capabilities, as well as drawing functions, optimized for young children. Includes a built-in text-to-speech feature that allows students to create and play back their own illustrated stories.

Phonics Alive! from Forest Technologies
Provides 20 sequential, interactive modules to present the single sounds of the alphabet. The modules incorporate sound and graphics, offer immediate feedback, and track students' progress at each step.

ReadingMaze from Great Wave Software
Lets children practice reading skills in a fun, game-like environment. While collecting objects, students hone their skills by solving picture, letter, word, and sentence problems. Learning level may be adjusted.

Read, Write & Type! from The Learning Company
Offers several different interactive activities to practice phonics, keyboard, and writing skills. Two animated talking Helping Hands introduce the keyboard and the activities, which become progressively more challenging as students gain experience.

Scholastic SuperPrint from Scholastic Inc.
Lets students and teachers create full-color posters, banners, big books, cards, and calendars combining text, graphics, and original artwork. The interface is easy to use, even for the youngest students.

School House Rock: Grammar Rock from Creative Wonders
Introduces students to the basics of grammar through music videos, interactive activities, and online arcade games. Helps students understand sentence structure, build vocabulary, and learn to use the parts of speech. Teachers can also use it to evaluate students' progress.

Teacher's Font Series from Forest Technologies
Provides three different collections of TrueType® fonts designed for use in the classroom. Included are handwriting fonts, mathematics fonts, and fonts with built-in clip art, such as illustrations of bugs and sports objects.

Curriculum and Other Materials

Primary Language Connections Guide
This comprehensive teacher's guide tells how to get started with the Macintosh, describes each of the software programs, and explains how to start using them in the classroom. At the heart of the guide are nine projects that are designed to be adaptable to the developmental learning styles of children in grades K–3. The projects model how to integrate technology into the primary grades' curriculum, including references to the Internet. Information on assessment, classroom management, and home/school connections is also a part of the curriculum guide.

Software Documentation
Guides and manuals are provided for the software in the kit.

Internet Resources

New!

Out of the Box and Onto the Net
A 25-page booklet that discusses the ways in which the Internet enhances teaching and learning. It provides teaching ideas and resources for using the Internet in the classroom and describes the built-in features of Mac® OS 8 that enable you to get started using your Internet connection "right out of the box" (modem and Internet account required).

Ordering Information

———— *Featured Solution* ————

Primary Language Connections Bundle
Includes a Power Macintosh 5500/225 and a Primary Language Connections Kit—a convenient way to order the combination with a single part number.

Without CPU setup:	B3491LL/A	$1,999
With CPU setup:	B3492LL/A	$2,059

Primary Language Connections Kit

Order No./Price:	T2093LL/A	$300

May be purchased only with a Power Macintosh 5500 or 6500 series computer, or a PowerBook 1400 series computer with a CD-ROM drive.

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