

Slide show story

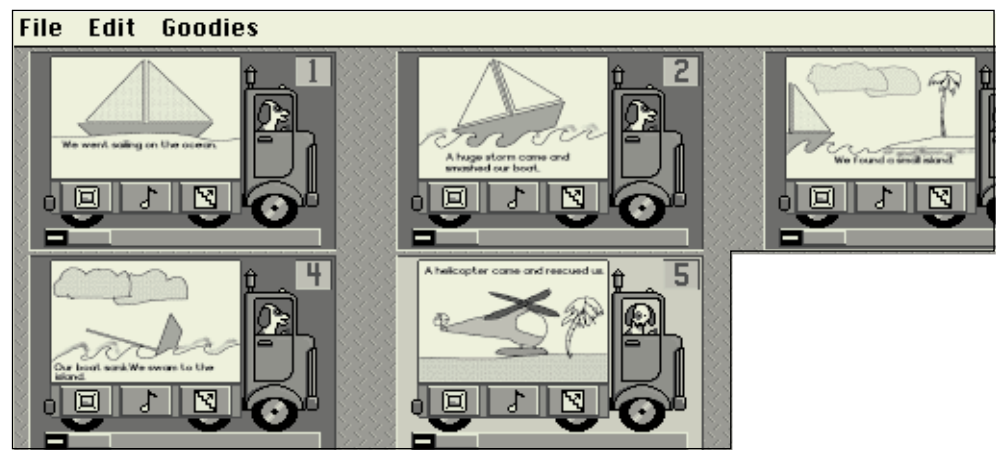
My Year 1 class used slide show software to create a story in the form of a linear electronic book. They were able to create their own illustrations and record their text.

As a whole-class activity, we brainstormed possible topics for a five-page story. We selected one of these topics and created a class slide show to demonstrate the processes of creating each page, recording the voices and ordering the pictures.

Working in groups, students created their own stories. They produced a draft for each page.

The students were very familiar with the tools available in the software, so groups used the computer in rotation according to a roster. I found it much easier to organise the students' work by saving their pictures into a folder for each group. Students then knew where to look for their work when they had their turn on the computer.

Screen capture showing the layout section of the slide show in Kid Pix. Here students can record sounds, select transition effects and order their pages.



Completed stories were saved as a slide show which the students enjoyed viewing. They especially enjoyed showing their work to older classes and this did wonders for their self-esteem.

We also demonstrated the students' products during a parent night. Parents were delighted with the efforts of their children and had an opportunity to see how their children were using computer-based technologies at our school.