Level 4 | Digital Literacy | Course Introduction

Review:

1. Ask students to reflect on what they know about computers or technology and what they would like to know. Have them write quietly or share with a partner, then open up to a class discussion.

2. Class Contract Handout

Vocabulary	
Computer	a machine used to work with information
Revolutionize	to change something very much or completely
Cyberbullying	using the internet to be mean, either by sending messages or posting pictures or videos that are unkind
Digital citizen	a person who responsibly participates in using the internet and other technology
Netizen	a person who actively uses the Internet especially in a proper and responsible way
Change agent	someone who makes change happen by inspiring and influencing others

Level 4 | Week 1 | Digital Literacy | Ones and Zeros

Weekly Question: What is the binary system?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Ones and Zeroes Activity; Ones and Zeroes

Homework

Standards: ISTE 1d, 5d

Vocabulary	
Binary system	a system in which information can be expressed by combinations of the digits 0 and 1
Base-ten system	a counting system that uses ten digits
Decimal system	a system of measurement or currency in which the basic units increase by powers of 10
Symbol	a thing that represents or stands for something else
Circuit	the path on which electricity flows
Bit	short for binary digit, the smallest unit of data in a computer
Byte	eight bits grouped together

Level 4 | Week 2 | Digital Literacy | How Computers Work

Weekly Question: How do computers work?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Have students brainstorm input and output devices using the BINGO Template. Be sure to remind students to fill in the words at random so everyone's card looks different. Other computer-related terms may be used as well if more words are needed to fill the card. Once all the BINGO cards are complete, students may play BINGO as a class.

Standards: ISTE 1d, 5d

Vocabulary	
Input	any information or data sent to a computer for processing
Output	a place where power or information leaves a system
Memory	the part of a computer where information is stored
CPU	(Central Processing Unit) the brain of the computer
Process	to take in and use information
Data	the information that computers work with, like pictures, numbers, words, or sounds
BIOS	(Basic Input Output System) a set of computer instructions which control input and output operations

Level 4 | Week 3 | Digital Literacy | Touchpad Tricks

Weekly Question: What are some ways we can use a touchpad?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Instruct students to create a T-chart listing the pros and cons of using a touchpad compared to a mouse. Ask them to include examples of the tips they learned in the video/reading.

Vocabulary	
Gesture	a movement of part of the body, especially a hand or the head, to express an idea or meaning
Right-click	to press the right button
Scroll	to move up, down, left, or right
Drag and drop	to move something by clicking, holding, and moving the pointer using a mouse or touchpad
Select	to choose an item by clicking on it
Mouse	a device you move with your hand to move the cursor on a computer screen
Touchpad	part of a computer that lets you move the mouse pointer with your finger
Touchpad gesture	a movement with your finger(s) on a touchpad to perform an action

Level 4 | Week 4 | Digital Literacy | History of Computers

Weekly Question: How have computers changed over time?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: History of Computers Timeline Activity

Vocabulary	
Vacuum tube	a tube containing absolutely nothing, not even air, that allows the free passage of electricity
Program	a set of instructions that does a particular job in the computer
Transistor	a device used to amplify or switch electronic signals and electrical power
Semiconductor	a solid crystal substance that can sometimes conduct electricity and other times does not
Integrated circuit	an object put onto a small piece of material such as silicon that allows the flow of electricity
Printed circuit board	a board that has conductive material printed onto it
Software engineer	a person who designs, develops, maintains, tests, and evaluates computer software

Level 4 | Week 5 | Digital Literacy | Vacuum Tubes & Transistors

Weekly Question: How did the invention of the transistor change computers?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Fill out the Compare and Contrast template using the terms "Vacuum Tubes" and "Transistors".

Vocabulary	
Vacuum tube	a tube containing absolutely nothing, not even air, that allows the free passage of electricity
Transistor	a device used to amplify or switch electronic signals and electrical power
Electronic circuit	an object that allows the continuous flow of electricity
Computer	an electronic machine that can store and work with a lot of information
Binary system	a system in which information can be expressed by combinations of the digits 0 and 1

Level 4 | Week 6 | Digital Literacy | Internal Parts of a Computer

Weekly Question: Why is it important to know the internal parts of a computer?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Internal Parts of a Computer Label the Part Activity

Standards: ISTE 1c, 1d

Vocabulary	
RAM	(Random Access Memory) a device that stores data for a very short time for the computer to process the data
Hard drive	the main drive of a computer where files and folders are stored
Video card	a device in a computer that controls the images shown on screen
Sound card	a small plastic card that makes the sound from the computer sound better
USB	(Universal Serial Bus) a port or connection used to connect many external devices to the computer
CPU	(Central Processing Unit) the brain of the computer
Motherboard	the board that all of the internal parts of a computer are connected to
Network card	a small plastic card that connects a computer to a network or the Internet
CD DVD drive	a tray or slot where you put a CD or DVD to play on the computer
Expansion card	a way to improve or upgrade certain parts of the computer

Level 4 | Week 7 | Digital Literacy | Hardware and Software

Weekly Question: What is the difference between computer hardware and software?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Hardware and Software Names of Software Activity

Vocabulary	
Program	a set of instructions that does a particular job in the computer
System software	the programs that manage the computer itself
Application software	a program that is made for a person to perform a certain task
Hardware	the parts of a computer you can see and touch
Software	the files, programs, and applications on a computer

Level 4 | Week 8 | Digital Literacy | Operating Systems

Weekly Question: What is an operating system?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Operating Systems Definitions Worksheet

Vocabulary	
Menu	a list of choices you can make when using the computer or a program
Home screen	also called a desktop, the main screen of a computer, tablet or mobile device
Window	a rectangle on the screen that lets you see information or a program
Operating system	a set of instructions that manages all of the hardware and software in a computer
Application	a software program that does a certain thing, like web browsing, email, or games
Icon	a small picture that you can click to open a file or program
GUI	(Graphical User Interface) a system of windows, pictures, and buttons that can be clicked on to use the different programs and files in a computer

Level 4 | Week 9 | Digital Literacy | Memory and Storage

Weekly Question: What are computer memory and storage?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Use the Venn Diagram Template to have students compare and contrast "ROM" and "RAM".

Vocabulary	
Data	the information that computers work with, like pictures, numbers, words, or sounds
Memory	the part of a computer where information is stored
ROM	(Read-Only Memory) the part of a computer in which information that cannot be changed is stored
RAM	(Random Access Memory) a device that stores data for a very short time for the computer to process the data
Storage	a place that data is kept on a computer for an extended period of time
Hard disk drive	a type of hard drive; a computer storage device for "long term memory" that works by storing data with magnetic disks that spin very quickly
Solid state drive	a longer-lasting but more expensive type of hard drive; a computer storage device for "long term memory" that works with tiny electronic circuits on microchips, allowing electricity to run on different pathways
USB drive	a small storage device that uses microchips to store data and can plug into a USB port
Memory card	a very small storage device that uses microchips to store data, used in electronics such as computers, smartphones, digital cameras, and printers

Level 4 | Week 10 | Digital Literacy | Keyboard Magic

Weekly Question: How can we use keyboard shortcuts?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Keyboard Magic Labeling Activity

Vocabulary	
Function keys	the keys located at the top of the keyboard that perform certain tasks when used in combination with other keys
Keyboard shortcut	a combination of keys pressed in a certain order to perform a certain task
Clipboard	part of a computer program that holds a copy of some data like text or a picture

Level 4 | Week 11 | Digital Literacy | Files & Folders

Weekly Question: How can computer files and folders help us stay organized?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Files & Folders Sorting Activity

Standards: ISTE 1b, 1d, 2d

Vocabulary	
File	an object on a computer that stores information
Folder	a storage space where files and other folders can be kept and organized
Hard drive	the main drive of a computer where files and folders are stored
Drive	a storage device that can store files and folders
File management	a system of organizing files and folders on a computer
File extension	letters after the period in a file name which tell the computer what kind of file it is

Level 4 | Week 12 | Digital Literacy | Intro to Google for Education

Weekly Question: How can we create different kinds of files for school assignments and for fun?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Think, Pair, Share: Have students generate lists of things they have already done or would like to do using at least three of the Google for Education programs. Then, have students share their ideas with the class.

Standards: ISTE 1d, 6a

Vocabulary	
Classroom	a free online program for schools offered by Google that lets teachers assign and grade assignments
Docs	a free online word processor offered by Google
Gmail	a free email service offered by Google
Google Drive	a free online file storage program developed by Google
Google for Education	an integrated suite of secure, cloud-native collaboration and productivity apps
Slides	a free online presentation program offered by Google

Level 4 | Week 13 | Digital Literacy | Writing and Formatting a Document

Weekly Question: How can formatting help us with assignments and projects?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Have students use the information from the video and reading to create a pamphlet, either about something they are learning in class or about a personal interest. Students may work in pairs or groups. Print a copy of each pamphlet when they are done so students may share.

Vocabulary	
Bold	thicker lettering
Document	a computer file containing data entered by a user
Word processing	the use of computers, software, and printers to get data into printed form
Text	letters and words
Italicize	to make lettering slanted or tilted
Highlight	to mark something with a bright color
Format	general plan of organization and arrangement

Level 4 | Week 14 | Digital Literacy | Creating Digital Drawings

Weekly Question: How can we create digital drawings?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: In groups or pairs, students use Google Drawings to create a drawing of something they like to do outdoors. It may be abstract or representational. Ask them to use at least 5 of the techniques in the video/reading. Optional: ask them to write a step-by-step tutorial for creating their drawing.

Vocabulary	
Transparency	the quality that makes it possible to see through something
Align	to arrange things so that they form a line or are in proper position
Hue	a specific color
Distribute	to spread or place (something) over an area
Group	in software programs, to associate objects in order to edit them together
Insert	to put in
Resize	to change the size
Highlight	to mark something with a bright color

Level 4 | Week 15 | Digital Literacy | Creating a Presentation

Weekly Question: How can we create a simple but effective presentation?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: In groups or pairs, students create a presentation in Google Slides about something they are learning in class or something of personal interest. Ask them to think about what they actually show on the slides vs. what they will say as they present. Optional: ask them to write a step-by-step tutorial for creating their presentation in Google Slides.

Vocabulary	
Software	the files, programs, and applications on a computer
Text box	a section of a page that allows a user to enter text
Insert	to put in
Upload	to send information from a smaller computer to a larger computer or computer network
Slide	a single page of a presentation
Cursor	a movable marker on a computer screen that shows where to click on an icon or where letters can be typed in

Level 4 | Week 16 | Digital Literacy | Simple Spreadsheets

Weekly Question: How can we create and use spreadsheets?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Ask students to design a 1-question survey to ask their classmates: for example, everyone's favorite vegetable or ice cream flavor. Once they have collected their data, have them create a simple spreadsheet in Google Sheets and practice filtering their data in different ways.

Vocabulary	
Cell	a rectangular space where a column and a row intersect
Column	a group of printed or written items (such as numbers or words) shown one under the other down a page
Row	a line of words, numbers, pictures, etc. going straight across
Header	text at the top of each page of a document
Sort	arrange data in alphabetical or numerical order, such as in a spreadsheet
Filter	choose to see only certain rows in a spreadsheet
Criteria	something used as a reason for making a decision

Level 4 | Week 17 | Digital Literacy | What is the Internet?

Weekly Question: What is the internet?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Instruct students to create a T-chart listing the pros and cons of using the internet. Afterwards, ask students to share and compare ideas.

Standards: ISTE 1c, 1d, 2c, 3a, 5d

Vocabulary	
Internet	the global computer network providing information and communication
Website	a page that is on the World Wide Web; a webpage
Online	done over the internet
World Wide Web	a way of sharing information on networks
Network	two or more computers connected together

Level 4 | Week 18 | Digital Literacy | How the Internet Works

Weekly Question: How does the internet work?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Have students use the Define or Draw Vocab

Template for at least 4 of the vocabulary words this week.

Standards: ISTE 1c, 1d, 3a, 5d

Vocabulary	
Data	the information that computers work with, like pictures, numbers, words, or sounds
Packet	a small piece of data
НТТР	(HyperText Transfer Protocol) the way that information is arranged and sent on the World Wide Web
Server	a computer that is connected directly to the Internet
ISP	Internet Service Provider (ex. AT&T, Comcast, Spectrum, Verizon)
Protocol	a set of rules used in programming computers so that they can communicate with each other
Client	a computer that connects to servers

Level 4 | Week 19 | Digital Citizenship | Sending an Email

Weekly Question: How can we use email responsibly?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Sending an Email Template Activity

Standards: ISTE 1a, 1d, 6a

Vocabulary	
Spam	junk email messages sent to a lot of people at once to try to sell something or harm people's computers
Inbox	a list where incoming email messages are stored
Subject	a summary of what an email is about
Reply all	a response to the sender of an email and all others who were sent the original email
Forward	resending an email possibly to a different address, moving the email "forward"
Reply	a response to the sender of an email
Attachment	a computer file such as a document or image sent in an email
Draft	an email that hasn't been sent yet
Carbon copy	(cc) additional email addresses an email is sent to
Email address	letters and numbers that identify where to send an electronic message over the internet

Level 4 | Week 20 | Digital Literacy | Searching the Internet

Weekly Question: How can we use the internet to find information?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Internet Scavenger Hunt:

- 1. Have students use search engines to find different bits of information. For example, see if they can find Abraham Lincoln's birth date, where he was born, how old he was when he died, and one of his famous sayings. Next, ask your students to find different types of information about him using the image, video and news tabs.
- 2. Optional: Students may also try using multiple search engines and compare the results. The differences are particularly noticeable for image searches.

Standards: ISTE 1b, 1d, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d

Vocabulary	
Search engine	a computer program that is used to look for information on the Internet
Ad	short for advertisement; a notice of something for sale
Browser	a program that lets you visit websites on the World Wide Web
Keyword	an important word for organizing information in an internet search
Link	words, images, or web addresses you can click to go to another web page
Filter	a barrier that allows wanted things to pass through but catches unwanted things so that they don't

Level 4 | Week 21 | Digital Literacy | Using the Internet for HW and Research

Weekly Question: How can we make sure that our research is reliable?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Using the Internet for HW and Research Activity

Vocabulary	
Accurate	having no mistakes or errors
URL	(Uniform Resource Locator) the address of a web page
Domain name	the address where Internet users can find websites and identify computers on the Internet
Source	the book, website, or place where your information originally came from
Citation	credit given to the person who came up with an idea

Level 4 | Week 22 | Digital Literacy | Can I Trust This Website?

Weekly Question: How can we tell if a website is safe and trustworthy?

Suggested In-class Extension Activity: Divide students into groups and instruct them to use a Website Evaluation Form to evaluate a website. Have them present the attributes of safe and unsafe websites afterwards as a class.

Standards: ISTE 2b, 3b

Vocabulary	
Virus	a code added to a computer program that can attach itself to and seriously damage other programs
Ads	short for advertisements; notices of things for sale
Pop-up	a window that comes up suddenly on the computer screen
Spam	junk email messages sent to a lot of people at once to try to sell something or harm people's computers
Personal information	recorded information about a person like name, email address, or phone number
Scam	a dishonest way to make money by deceiving people

Level 4 | Digital Literacy | Course Conclusion

Review:

Ask students to reflect on what they have learned. What have we learned about computers and technology? What surprised them the most? What do they remember best? How does their knowledge of technology now compare to their knowledge when they first began the course? Ask students to write quietly or share with a partner, then open up to a class discussion.

Standards: ISTE 1c, 2c