



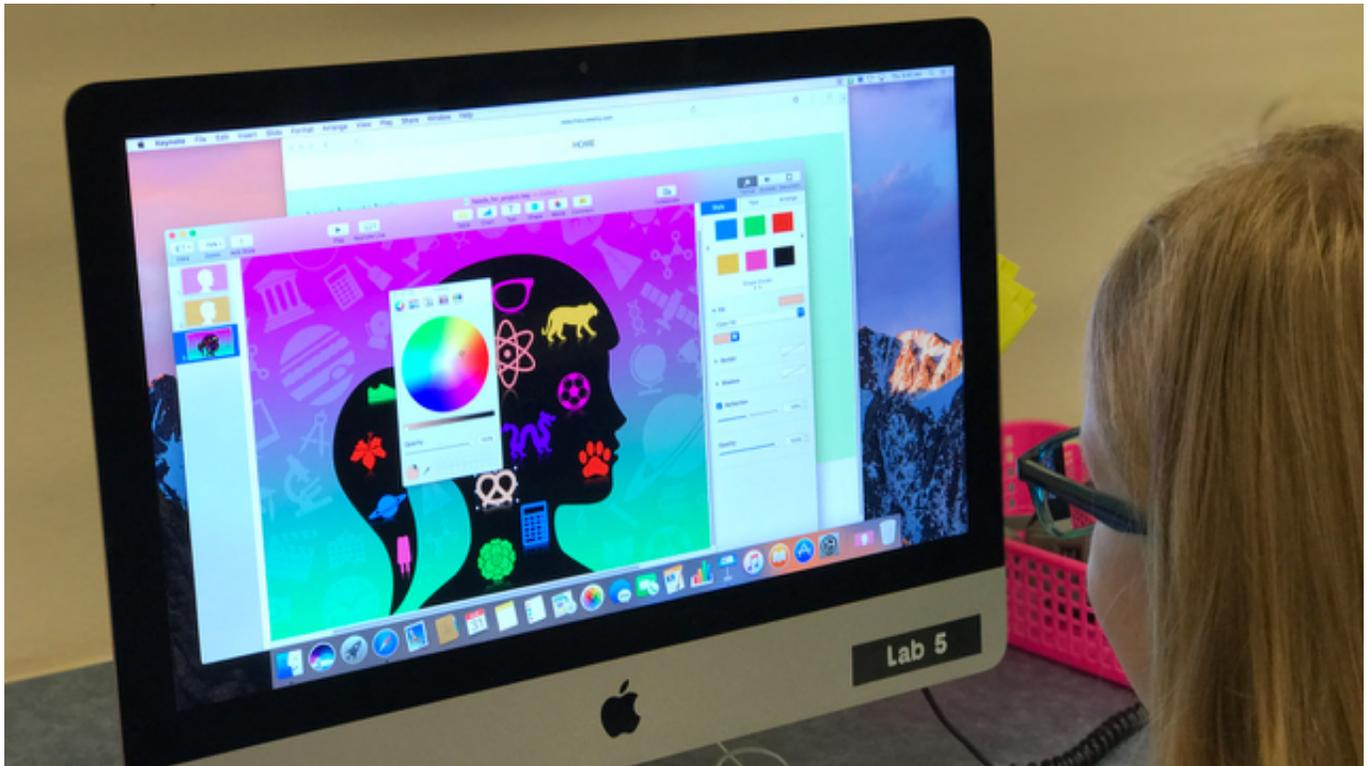
April Requard helps her students express their individuality using shapes in Keynote.

Apple Teacher and Apple Distinguished Educator, April Requard introduced the All About Me Keynote project as a fun, beginning-of-the-year activity. She thought it would be a great way to get to know her students and for them to get to know each other.

As an instructional technology teacher at North Star Elementary in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April loves helping students showcase their knowledge of classroom curriculum and technology through creative projects. She knew her fourth and fifth graders would love All About Me.

April gave the students a Keynote template that included a variety of silhouette shapes. She asked them to choose a silhouette that best represented them, and then manipulate it further to look like themselves. Next she asked them to explore shapes in Keynote and look for images that represented what they loved—what was

in their heads and hearts. They then began adding relevant shapes to their silhouettes.



April's students were instantly engaged. They were extremely excited about the huge number of shapes they had to choose from and the ability to search for specific ones. They also loved experimenting with changing the background color.

"In addition to students learning about each other through All About Me, it ended up being a cool graphic design project, too."



Because they were so engaged in finding just the right shapes, students asked to spend additional time finishing their projects. They even surprised April by learning new Keynote skills — like advanced gradient techniques and rotating shapes — then sharing that new knowledge with each other.

“Giving students a template to change or manipulate is often a great way to introduce new skill. Sometimes it’s easier and more immediate.”

Once the projects were completed, April noticed that none of the silhouettes looked alike. Because so many shapes were available, students had plenty of options for expressing their individuality. For the last part of the project, April had the students share their creations in front of the class.

