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Getting Ready: What to do before using the slideshow Program

1. First step is to have the **students write their stories** using a story board template of your choice. The idea is to have the children realize that there will be a picture tat will go along with a piece of writing

2. Students should then **work on the illustrations**. Last year, they used KidPix to design their pictures and they export them as jpeg. Another option is also to let them draw the illustrations on paper and then take a picture for a digital version of them.

3. Time to start the slide show. I used the program Keynote.

   Note: As your students get used to this, you might want to start the writing process directly on the computer.
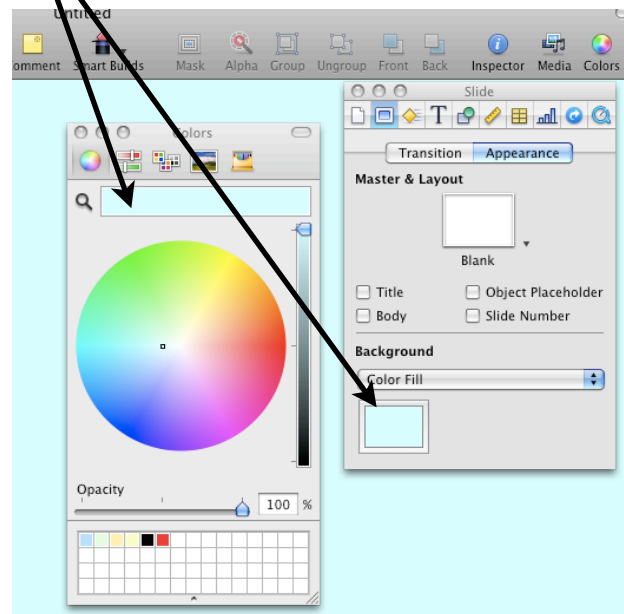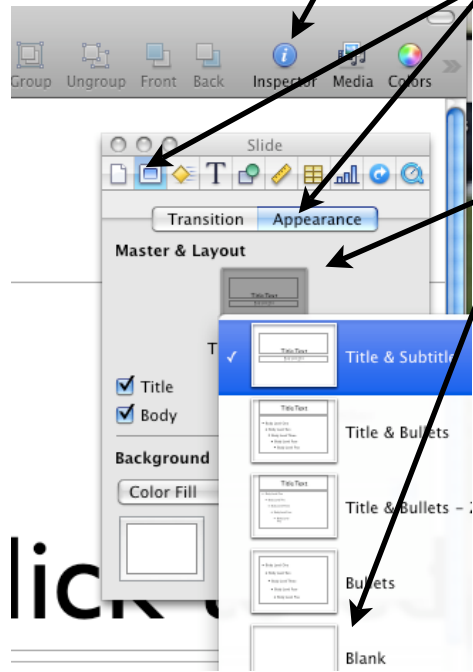
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Designing the slides using Keynote

1. Open Keynote, choose a theme (white) and click on the inspector button

2. Click on the slide inspector and Appearance

3. Click on Master & Layout and pick a blank page

4. Optional: You may want to have your students pick a background color for the slides
5. Click on the color window to make it appear
6. Choose a color closer to the center for a more pastel tone
7. Drag the chosen color from the "look up" window to the color fill box

8. Double click on the first slide to select it (Make sure the yellow frame appears) and press the Command Key and the D key to duplicate in order to have as many slides as desired (You can also go to EDIT and DUPLICATE to do this.
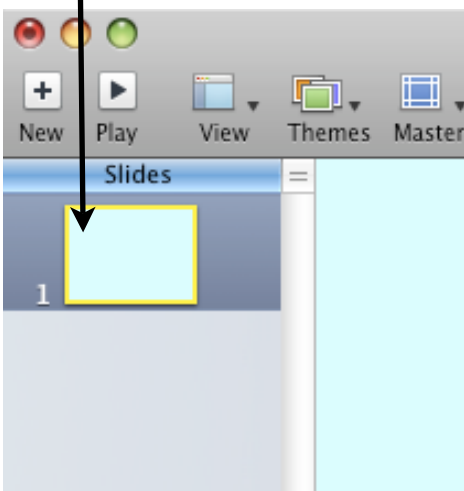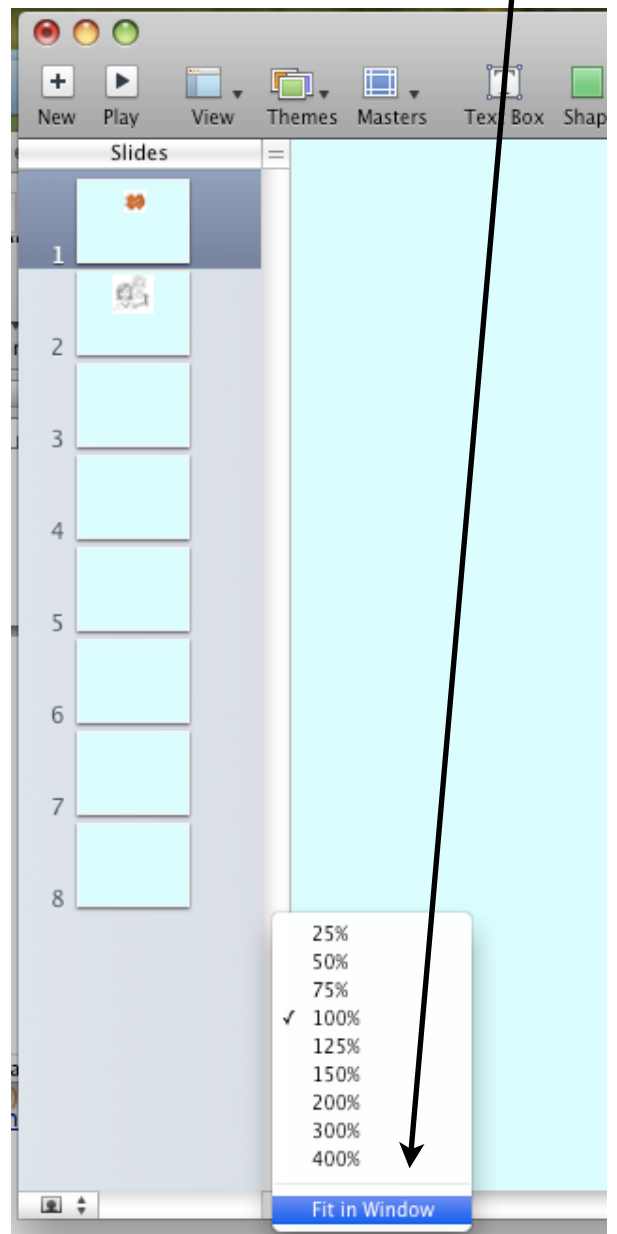
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Inserting Illustrations/Pictures

1. Select the slide you want to work on by clicking on it. Go to Insert and Choose. This will bring a window up that will enable you to navigate through your computer to find the pictures.
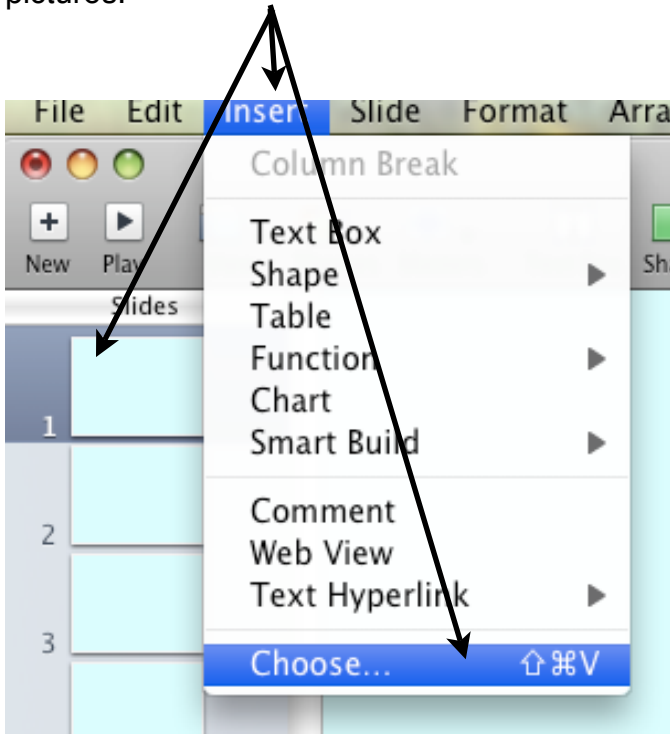
2. Then you can arrange the position and the size of your picture on each slide.
It's easier if you change the window size to "fit the window" or "50%" in order to position your pictures and text better.

Note: If the pictures are on the desktop, you can also simply click and drag the pictures from there onto the slide.
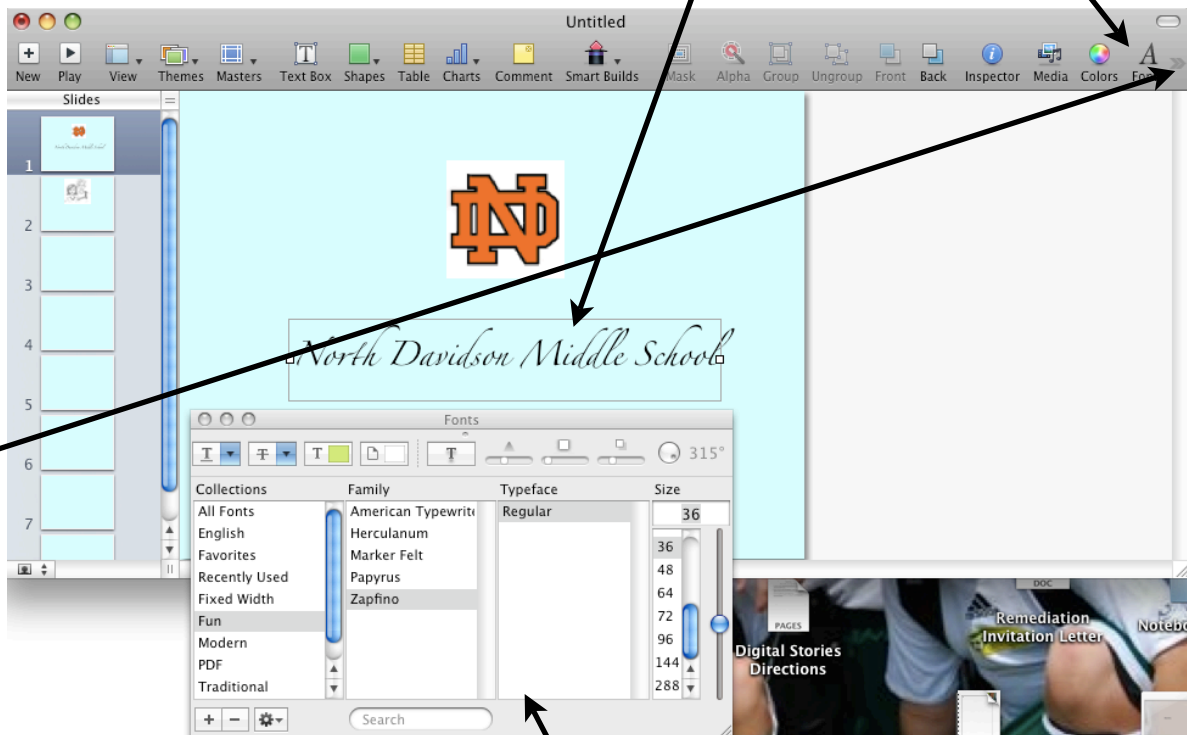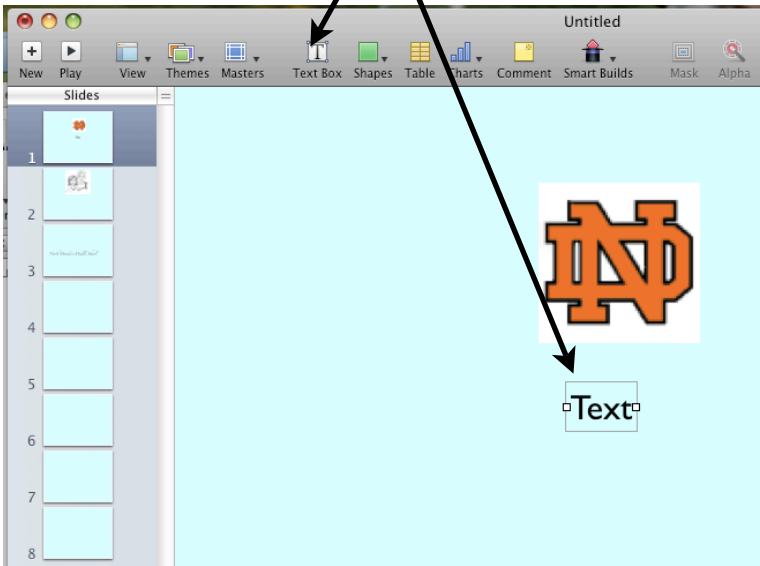
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Typing the text

1. Click on the Text box (which makes a text box appear on the slide) and start typing.

2. Work on the size and font for your text and keep the same throughout the slides:
Select the text by either clicking on the text box or highlighting the entire text.
Click on the Font window to make the window appear.
Click on your choices.

If you can not see the font window icon, click on the double arrows on the top right of the document to make it appear.

Font window