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Standards	Goals
Lesson 1: Blink!   15-16 days Activity 1.1: The Brain Technology and Engineering 3.5.6-8.F Analyze examples of technologies that have changed the way people think, interact, live, and communicate.	<ul> <li>Explore how computers receive, process, and send information.</li> <li>Examine the parts of a microcontroller.</li> <li>Reflect on the role of a computer scientist.</li> </ul>
Activity 1.2: What To Do Technology and Engineering 3.5.6-8.LL Compare how different technologies involve different sets of processes.	<ul> <li>Break a complex task into a sequence of small steps.</li> <li>Use algorithmic thinking to write specific, clear, and complete directions.</li> <li>Demonstrate effective communication skills.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Activity 1.3: How To Do It</li> <li>Technology and Engineering</li> <li>3.5.6-8.J Use tools, materials, and machines to safely diagnose, adjust, and repair systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.K Use devices to control technological systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.Q Apply a technology and engineering design thinking process.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.EE Differentiate between inputs, processes, outputs, and feedback in technological systems.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Explore a coding environment.</li> <li>Plan a program sequence.</li> </ul>
Activity 1.4: Crush the Bug <b>Technology and Engineering</b> 3.5.6-8.J Use tools, materials, and machines to safely diagnose, adjust, and repair systems. 3.5.6-8.JJ Apply informed problem-solving strategies to the improvement of existing devices or processes or the development of new approaches.	<ul> <li>Use code tracing to break down a program into logical parts to look for errors.</li> <li>Analyze, revise, and test a program or device hardware to fix errors.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Project 1.5 The Blinking Message</li> <li>Technology and Engineering</li> <li>3.5.6-8.J Use tools, materials, and machines to safely diagnose, adjust, and repair systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.K Use devices to control technological systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.P (ETS) Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.Q Apply a technology and engineering design thinking process.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.JJ Apply informed problem-solving strategies to the improvement of existing devices or processes or the development of new approaches.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Design and program a computing solution.Goal</li> <li>Engage in problem-solving and be creative when developing solutions.</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>Lesson 2: The Ins and Outs I 16-17 days</li> <li>Activity 2.1: Need Input</li> <li>Technology and Engineering</li> <li>3.5.6-8.F Analyze examples of technologies that have changed the way people think, interact, live, and communicate.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.J Use tools, materials, and machines to safely diagnose, adjust, and repair systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.K Use devices to control technological systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.Q Apply a technology and engineering design thinking process.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.EE Differentiate between inputs, processes, outputs, and feedback in technological systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.FF Demonstrate how systems thinking involves considering relationships between every part, as well as how the systems interact with the environment in which it is used.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.JJ Apply informed problem-solving strategies to the improvement of existing devices or processes or the development of new approaches.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Work with others to create and modify programs that use input devices.</li> <li>Use pair programming to collaborate.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Activity 2.2: Responding Output</li> <li>Technology and Engineering</li> <li>3.5.6-8.J Use tools, materials, and machines to safely diagnose, adjust, and repair systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.K Use devices to control technological systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.Q Apply a technology and engineering design thinking process.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.V Refine design solutions to address criteria and constraints.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.EE Differentiate between inputs, processes, outputs, and feedback in technological systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.FF Demonstrate how systems thinking involves considering relationships between every part, as well as how the systems interact with the environment in which it is used.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.JJ Apply informed problem-solving strategies to the improvement of existing devices or processes or the development of new approaches.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Work with others to create and modify programs that use output devices.</li> <li>Build a physical computing device.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Activity 2.3: Get Connected</li> <li>Technology and Engineering</li> <li>3.5.6-8.J Use tools, materials, and machines to safely diagnose, adjust, and repair systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.K Use devices to control technological systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.L Design methods to gather data about technological systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.Q Apply a technology and engineering design thinking process.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.EE Differentiate between inputs, processes, outputs, and feedback in technological systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.FF Demonstrate how systems thinking involves considering relationships between every part, as well as how the systems interact with the environment in which it is used.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.JJ Apply informed problem-solving strategies to the improvement of existing devices or processes or the development of new approaches.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Explore wireless technology.</li> <li>Develop and modify algorithms that use variables.</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>Lesson 3: Program the Physical World I 13 days</li> <li>Activity 3.1: Clean Up Your Code</li> <li>Technology and Engineering</li> <li>3.5.6-8.J Use tools, materials, and machines to safely diagnose, adjust, and repair systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.K Use devices to control technological systems.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.Q Apply a technology and engineering design thinking process.</li> <li>3.5.6-8.JJ Apply informed problem-solving strategies to the improvement of existing devices or processes or the development of new approaches.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Simplify code to make it easier to read.</li> </ul>

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