Introducing Coding With Sequencing & Picture Books
Hello!

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“Whether you want to uncover the secrets of the universe, or you just want to pursue a career in the 21st century, basic computer programming is an essential skill to learn.” - Stephen Hawking
Coding = Sequencing

Order and sequence is happening all around us!

Before we begin to think like robots, we need to recognize how important order of events is.
Introducing students to coding reinforces so many other concepts...

- Order of events
- Sequencing
- Story Retell (First, next, last....)
- Directional Words
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Computational Thinking Skills
- Determination
When introducing younger students to coding...

I like to use “offline” activities first...
Here is my favorite simple introduction to coding. This activity is a “recipe” for success as it incorporates...

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**Recipe: Introduction to Coding Algorithms with Picture Books**

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**Ingredients**

- Easy to Sequence Picture Books
- Coding Algorithm Sheet*
- Smartboard (optional)

*Laminate to save materials

**Directions**

1. Read the story to your students emphasizing the importance of focusing on key details and sequence of events.
2. Students will then learn about the importance of sequence and specific directions while coding.
3. Complete a few steps of the coding sheet with students on the smartboard.
4. Have students complete the rest of the sheet on their own.
5. For extra practice students may actually code an imaginary train to retell, or recreate the events of the story.
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