First Grade Technology Terms

Hardware	The tangible features of a computer system: CPU, disk drive, printer, and so on.
Software	Computer programs, containing instructions that tell a computer what to do
Cursor	A blinking line or shape on the screen that tells you where the next character will go.
Boot	The process of starting a computer, including the loading of its operating system
Reboot	Also known as **restart, reboot** is a term used to describe the process of
Icon	A tiny picture on the screen that represents a program, file or folder
Desktop	The screen that is seen when you first log on to a computer containing the most commonly used icons
Network	A group of computers, printers, and other devices that are connected together to exchange information
Internet	A worldwide network of computer networks linking government agencies, universities, corporations, and individuals.
WWW	World Wide Web, part of the Internet that consists of pages (documents) linked to each other around the world. These pages have pictures, sounds, and more.
Browser	A software program that lets you explore the World Wide Web to find text, graphics, sound, movies, games, chats and more.
Home Row	The middle horizontal row of the keyboard that starts with A and goes all the way across. The idea behind the home row is that each finger remains in light contact with a particular key when it is not typing. This is to keep "grounded", providing a reference point for every other key.
Input	Information or data that is entered into a computer.
Input Devices	Hardware that sends information into a computer. For example, mouse and keyboard.
Output	Information or data that comes from a computer after it has been processed.
Output Devices	Hardware that receives and/or displays information from a computer. For example, monitor and printer.