

Welcome!!

Hi,

I'm looking forward to the Web Design class! You can go ahead and purchase your book. The title is Head First HTML with CSS, 2nd edition, by Elisabeth Robson & Eric Freeman (ISBN #978-0-596-15990-0). It is selling used for \$15-20 on half.com or new on amazon.com for \$27. Make sure the book is the 2nd edition. You can also get it at Barnes and Noble.

Computers:

Students can use a mac or pc. I have both at home and am familiar with both, though I do most of my work on a pc running Windows 7. If your son/daughter is using Windows 8, make sure they are comfortable with the interface, as my knowledge there is limited. Regardless of which computer they have, they will need to bring it each week to class. I will have power strips for them to plug into if needed. I **strongly** suggest that you have a mouse to use with the laptop. You can get a wired mouse for \$5-10 if you don't have one. Using the finger pad has proven to be cumbersome in past classes with all of the cutting and pasting and switching between windows.

Computer Comfort Level:

As stated in the class description, students must be comfortable creating folders and files on their computer and comfortable with basic computer operations. I will provide simple text content for use during class whenever possible so students can concentrate on the HTML tagging and not so much on the typing, but they will need to be able to do basic typing.

Programs:

We will be using specific text editors for this class, depending on what type of computer you have. You need to download and install the text editor program **before the first day of class**. If you have trouble, please let me know. We will not have time during the first period of class to install these programs so it must be done prior to the first class.

- The text editor we will use on Macs is called TextWrangler. I have posted a youtube video at <http://youtu.be/-ZtWRUiNOFU> that gives instructions on how to download and install this program. Add it to your dock, please.
- The text editor we will use on PCs running Windows is Notepad++. I have posted a youtube video at <http://youtu.be/MkLdwigOV6Q> that gives instructions

on how to download and install this program. Make sure to add an icon to your desktop.

- Students should create a folder on their desktop called "Web Design." All of their digital files for the class will be going into that folder.
- Instructions on how to create an HTML file are included in this [pdf file](#). This is something we will be going over during our first class period but students are welcome to look it over beforehand if they want to.

Homework:

I will be putting files that need to be transferred to the students' computers onto a jump drive. We will use some of those files during class and some will be needed to complete their assignments. Other assignment files may be emailed to students. The students' weekly assignments will always involve creating files on their computers and handing them in to me on their jump drives. They will usually have worksheets on paper to do as well.

Grades and online resources:

Students will be assigned a student number which you can use to check their grades online on the CHAT math website. A copy of this email, the download instructions for programs, and assignment files will also be posted there. The address is www.mcq.net/nelson/chatmath.htm.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mrs. Nelson/Kim