

Digital Images: Classroom Integration Ideas

Digital Cameras in the Language Arts Curriculum:

- use a photo as a prompt for narrative or descriptive writing
- school newspaper
- class newspaper or newsletter
- graphics for written reports and presentations
- write letters to penpals and others (such as reading buddies in another grade), inserting photos
- add photos to the school or class web site
- send photos via e-mail to electronic keepals
- e-mail class updates to parents, with attached photos
- write a class novel with live-action photos as illustrations
- class books
- ABC alphabet book [use real objects to enhance letter-sound correspondence]
- We Spy books [go on a scavenger hunt through out the school as an extension for a completed unit]
- sequencing books [using a digital camera is especially useful to sequences which cannot be brought to school for students to experience]
- All About Us [take photos of students and let them write about themselves - this is especially good for Kindergarten!]
- big books [to make a photo large enough for a big book, resize photo for whole page and print out - you can then run it through a poster maker (in a publishing center, such as Region X) to enlarge it even further]
- take photos on field trips, to aid in writing about them later
- publicize a class play or project

Digital Cameras in Projects and Presentations:

- make personalized name tags or desk plates
- record projects and presentations for Open House
- create a digital class archive
- demonstrate vocabulary, emotions, compare/contrast
- illustrate perspectives in art
- observe weather over a period of time
- student portfolio
- illustrate step-by-step process for complicated projects
- illustrate a science experiment
- document growth of classroom plant or pet
- demonstrate a PE exercise
- develop a student-generated, graphical web research site
- school showcase

Digital Cameras in the Music Classroom:

- Create MPEG movies using a still digital camera (MPEG movie option) or a Video digital Camera incorporating music in the background with any academic subject. MIDI files can be added to the to the final product.
- Use a still digital camera for photos in projects such as reports, multimedia presentations, or Web pages. Enhance the presentations and Web pages with MIDI music.
- Use an Analog or Video Digital Camera to create a movie in any academic subject incorporating musical background.