

Digital Photography in the Classroom: *Secrets for Success*

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Camera management tip #1:

- Inexpensive, but quality cameras for student use
- Remember support and reliability

Camera management tip #2:

- Standardize equipment

Camera management tip #3:

- Have a teacher's camera

Camera management tip #4:

- Checkout forms
- No "hand offs"

Camera management tip #5:

- Sometimes use low/medium resolution

Camera management tip #6:

- Use natural light

Camera management tip #7:

- Have spare batteries
- Keep em' charged

Camera management tip #8:

- Lots of small memory cards

Camera management tip #9:

- Keep cameras in padded cases
- Include the manual

Project management tip #1:

- Creative work or image capture (hopefully both!)
- It all starts with the creative eye.

Project management tip #2:

- Organize images into students' or project folders
- Create student folders on drives

Project management tip #3:

- Delete bad photos
- Store files on CD-R

Project management tip #4:

- De-emphasize printing
- Use photo processing
- Poster printers

Project management tip #5:

- Share photos on the Web- Web photo albums

Project management tip #6:

- Go beyond stills
- Still images brought into video.
- Videos will be on DVD – “convergence”
- Videos will become narratives.
- Digital storytelling

Project management tip #7:

- Uncompressed JPEG's

Project management tip #8:

- Use card readers

Teaching tip #1:

- Hold a demo / training session

Teaching tip #2:

- Read the manual
- Keep the manual handy

Teaching tip #3:

- Learn to use scene modes

Teaching tip #5:

- Issue student licenses

Teaching tip #6:

- Teach image editing
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Curriculum tip #1:

- Keep a camera handy

Curriculum tip #2:

- Keep mug shots

Curriculum tip #3:

- Create an image collection

Curriculum tip #4:

- Encourage experimentation

Curriculum tip #5:

- Give specific assignments

Curriculum tip #6:

- Words AND pictures

Curriculum tip #7:

- Tie to curriculum

Curriculum tip #8:

- Cross curriculum projects

Curriculum tip #9:

- Present on LCD projector
- Analysis and critique

Curriculum tip #10:

- Publish on Web, posters
- Give kids a framed print

The PDQ Guide to Digital Photography

Visions Technology in Education

www.toolsforteachers.com

Handouts at: <http://home.sou.edu/~abrams>