



Digital Storytelling

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Things to do Ahead of Time:

- ✓ Choose a time and location.
- ✓ Send out information to parents, explaining that those who wish to participate are asked to collect digital photos or videos to tell a story. Using the photos or videos collected, parents and students work together to prepare a presentation that tells a story in digital format.
- ✓ You may be able to engage school staff in this activity by asking them to adapt a creative writing assignment that uses the digital photos and videos that students collect.
- ✓ Some parents may wish to help their child post their presentation online.
- ✓ Advertise and send out invitations for your Digital Storytelling event.

Recommended Time: Weeknight evening; allow approximately two hours for this event

Recommended Location: School gymnasium or auditorium

Recommended Materials:

- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ Digital cameras, pocket video cameras, headsets
- ✓ Computers
- ✓ Projector

Set-Up:

- ✓ Show up early to set up chairs and equipment.
- ✓ Have volunteers greet parents at the door and hand out programs for the evening's event.
- ✓ As participants enter, have them sign-in with their name and contact information if they wish to be invited to more events in the future.
- ✓ Display each of the presentations for the audience to view.
- ✓ Have students practice their public speaking skills by explaining their use of the digital media they have collected and gathered at home and used in their school projects.
- ✓ Children can also narrate their story as their slide show or video is displayed.

Additional Ideas:

If your school has a resource lending library, you may want to raise money to have digital cameras or pocket video cameras added to this collection so families can check out these materials to use for this activity.