

Through the Eyes of a Child



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Summary of the Project: The goal of the "Through the Eyes of a Child" project is to introduce these students to the technology of digital photography. Each month, the class will use digital cameras and desktop publishing software to produce a class newspaper with stories about the students' families, interests and school experiences.

At the classroom level, digital cameras will help students process ideas, gain higher-order thinking skills and develop greater empathy for their classmates. By deciding *what* to take pictures of, students practice evaluation. Choosing *how* to take the photos helps them celebrate their creativity. Through sharing photos of their homes and families, students will broaden the experience of everybody in the room. Using pictures in this context is especially important in multilingual classrooms as it bypasses the language barrier.

Materials and supplies needed:

Fisher Price Tough Kid digital cameras, ink for color printer, rechargeable batteries, bags for the cameras, Comic Live program

Helpful tips:

- ◆ If you have pictures of the children, be sure that you have permission to use and distribute them.
- ◆ Save money on the bags by purchasing insulated lunch bags instead and adding long handles.
- ◆ Buy enough rechargeable batteries that you have spare batteries available.
- ◆ Each camera can take 60 low resolution pictures.
- ◆ Be sure to work out a system where the child using the camera takes responsibility for it.
- ◆ Take time to explain how to aim the camera and how to review photos so that the children can understand what their pictures look like.

