Practical Uses for Digital Cameras

Professional Use of Digital Cameras

• Take pictures of your students during activities in class to use as documentation for your T&P or annual evaluation files.

• Take the camera along as you do a professional presentation to document the presentation and participants.

• Take a photo of yourself or of students’ work to post on your Web site.

• Use photos of familiar places to demonstrate concepts being taught (architectural barriers, assistive technology).

Have Students Use Digital Cameras

• Have students take pictures of each other to post on Blackboard.

• Ask students to write a brief autobiography with a recent photo inserted.

• Make a seating chart by having students take pictures of each other and inserting them into a table.

• Have students make a digital field trip (fire station, nature preserve, zoo, river, lake, cultural center) to post on the web.

• Have pre-service teachers take pictures of the various activities they do with students to use in their portfolios (remember to get permission to use and/or post).

• Have students design a name tag for themselves with their picture on the nametag. Require students to include inserted photographs in their papers.

Have Students Assign Their Students to Use Digital Cameras

• Ask preK-12 students to take photos to document various steps in the scientific research process.

• Have students interview people of various ages about a certain topic and photograph them to include with their results. (Remember to send along a permission to use the print form for the participant to sign.)

• Have students make flashcards of vocabulary, skills, etc. and post in the room or gym.

• Go on “hunts” to find things in the environment and photograph them. Unpack a trash can and photograph the various layers of trash, eventually placing them in sequential order from the beginning of the day to the end.

• Insert a picture of a student, a group, a team, a class, or an activity of the week into the class or school newsletter.

• Have students enhance their reports and creative writing with photographs inserted.

• Post a photo gallery of the class on the Web as an archive that they can visit in years to come.