

Title _Photo Essay_____

Curriculum : Language Arts_____

Grade Level Span : 4-6_____

Purpose: To learn to use the scanner, incorporate writing into a story format using technology in the writing process.

Description: Create a story using written language and photographs.

Activities:	Curriculum Standards	NETS for Students
1. Read a picture story together. Discuss the fact that the pictures tell a story by themselves and the words tell about the pictures.		
2. Students bring at least 4 photographs from home that tell a story. Possible suggestions you might offer to your students – holiday, birthday, vacation, family. The photographs need to have a common theme or thread.		
3. Students write a story to go with their series of photographs. Students will follow the steps of the writing process. The final copy must be computer processed.		4, 6, 8
4. Students scan, save to a file and incorporate their pictures into their final story.		4, 6, 8
5. Students share their stories with the class and display them for public viewing.		

Tools and Resources

(List all Web sites, specific software and hardware needs)

- 1. ClarisWorks or other word processing program**
- 2. Scanner**
- 3. Computer**
- 4. Printer – colored copies are preferable**

Assessment

(How will you assess the students' learning? If you have a rubric, record it here. Be as specific as possible)

1. Teacher created rubric.
2. All photographs are referred to and described in the student writing.

3. Each paragraph has a topic sentence and at least three detail sentences and a concluding sentence.

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(Have you taught this lesson sequence before? What are the great learning/experiences you had?)

Yes, Students have great pride in the quality of their finished product.

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