

# 100 Ways to Use Digital Cameras

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1. Take photos or videos of field trips.
2. Take photos or videos illustrating vocabulary words.
3. Take photos or videos of plant growth
4. Take photos or videos of community
5. Use photos for seating charts.
6. Take photos to illustrate stories or poems
7. Take photos or videos for illustrating emotions
8. Take photos or videos of classroom pet
9. Take photos to prompt creative writing
10. Take photos of learning centers for a choice chart
11. Take photos or videos of bulletin boards or classroom ideas from other teachers
12. Tape a student's photo on their desk nametag so that other students and substitutes learn names.
13. Use photos for attendance chart
14. Use photos for graphing
15. Use photos for story about the child
16. Use photos of family to create a family book
17. Use photos or videos for step by step directions.
18. Use photos for sequencing
19. Use photos or videos for an ABC book
20. Use photos to create a book about the school and workers
21. Create a staff directory
22. Use photos or videos for a school or classroom handbook
23. Use photos for passports during a travel unit
24. Take photos or videos in Physical Education to record events and skills
25. Take photos or videos for assessment
26. Take photos for a book about colors
27. Take photos for a book or chart about numbers
28. Take photos for a book about shapes
29. Take photos or videos of nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
30. Take photos for a rhyming book
31. Use photos in thank you cards or invitations
32. Take photos of events and make a calendar of memories
33. Using photos create a body part book
34. Use photos to create a community workers or school workers book
35. Use photos or videos for concept illustration for curriculum areas
36. Display student work on your website by taking a digital photo of it
37. Send a camera home with a student to take photos of family traditions or scan photos that students bring for a Traditions Book
38. Use photos or videos to create an Open House slide show or display.
39. Use photos in letters to e-Pals
40. Create a digital yearbook or memory book
41. Use photos or videos as a reminder to a teacher or substitute of how to plug in cables to the TV, VCR or computer.
42. Take photos or videos to explain a hobby or collection
43. Use photos as graphics in student work
44. Take photos or videos of art concepts - line, shape, texture, form and color
45. Take a photos or videos of something in the classroom that is a problem area. Have the students brainstorm how to change the area.
46. Take photos or videos of the weather and seasons
47. Use photos for the classroom helper chart
48. Laminate photos of students for voting, selecting partners, choosing centers, graphing
49. Take photos of classroom events for student journaling. Write about the photo

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- of costume day, hat day, book character day, etc.
50. Create a Birthday Book. Add a photo to a page that the child has written about birthday plans. Print one for the book and one to send home.
51. Take a photos or videos of the students on their birthday
52. Use photos to create classroom awards. Act of Kindness, Caught being good, Great reader
53. Send an email with a photo attachment of the student caught being good
54. Use photos to create postcards
55. Use photos to create faces for puppets
56. Scan photos that students bring of their pets for creating a book about caring for pets
57. Take photos or videos for a classroom inventory
58. Document vandalism with photos or videos
59. Email classroom events to the local newspaper or school board
60. Use classroom photos as computer screensavers
61. Create a Welcome to Our Classroom book
62. Take photos of the various school lunches for a "What's for Lunch?" chart
63. Scan photos students bring of extended family members to create a family tree.
64. Take photos or videos for animal reports
65. Take photos or videos of parts of a plant
66. Take photos or videos of types of clouds
67. Make a Five Senses book. Students take photos illustrating each sense
68. Take photos of environmental print for an emergent readers' book - stop sign, Target sign, exit sign
69. Take a photo of an object zoomed in. Have students guess what it is.
70. Take photos or videos of assignments and post them to your website for parent communication
71. Create photo vocabulary cards for ESL students
72. Photograph books that you read to add to a list or chart
73. Photograph class schedule for special needs students or substitute
74. Photograph or videotape procedures for parent volunteer training
75. Print two copies of photos to make a matching or concentration game.
76. Show safety rules through photos or videos
77. Create photograph bookmarks
78. Create "It's My Turn" name cards with student pictures for choosing who gets the next turn.
79. Post the Character Education Word of the Week with photos of students who fit that description. For example: Punctual, Responsible, etc.
80. Create videos of students acting our Character Education concepts.
81. Create a video of directions for a project
82. Create brochures using photos
83. Use photos or videos to "argue a point"
84. Video a student as an assessment tool
85. Take photos of rhyming words
86. Create a chart of words that begin with the same sound using photos
87. Create videos of poetry, tongue twisters or other phonemic awareness activities to send home with children for extra practice.
88. Create a video book report complete with costumes and action
89. Use video to record student's demonstrations for assessment
90. Create video thank you messages
91. Capture interviews with video

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92. Have students record their "sales pitch" for advertising on video
93. Photograph unit resources and place in thematic unit folder
94. Create a game for matching student photos and student names
95. Photograph samples for graduation standards. What is a "4"? What is a "3"?
96. Create a photo memory book for a student who is moving away.
97. Use photographs or video for conflict resolution role playing.
98. Create a postcard with the teacher's picture to send to students in the summer.
99. Use photographs for a visual schedule.
100. Use digital photographs for a student teacher bulletin board.