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Nine ideas for...

using document cameras in the classroom

Make learning visual with a document camera that lets you project and digitally record demonstrations and materials.

- 1 MAKE BOOKS COME ALIVE.**
Record students reading books while pointing at the words to help other students improve their reading skills. Do readers' theatre exercises and record the results for later viewing.
- 2 INTERVIEW THE EXPERTS.**
Use the document camera to record video interviews with students or primary research sources.
- 3 PROJECT IMAGES OF LIVE ANIMALS.**
Put classroom animals such as fish, snakes, worms, insects, etc. under the camera.
- 4 SHARE STUDENT ARTWORK AND OTHER PROJECTS.**
Show examples of excellent student work in order to inspire your students and demonstrate expectations.
- 5 RECORD YOUR STUDENTS.**
Aim the camera at your students to document class participation and behavior issues.
- 6 RECORD TEACHER DEMONSTRATIONS.**
Record your demonstrations and other lessons. Archive and post them online so students can review the materials.
- 7 GET DRAMATIC.**
Put an image of a story setting under the camera and project it onto the wall, and *voilà!*, you've got scenery for a short class play, skit or other dramatic event.
- 8 ENHANCE SCIENCE DEMOS.**
Help your students get more out of science class. Perform dissections under the document camera so students can follow along with their own specimens or simply observe.
- 9 SHARE READING RESPONSIBILITIES.**
Project a picture book, novel, short story or other text and have students take turns reading.

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