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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